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Port Almanac—Dec. 30.

Sun Rises	7.11 A M
Sun Sets	4 55 P M
Day's Length	9 h 44 m
High Water at Southport	11.37 A M
High Water at Wilmington	2.07 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 29.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 30°; 8 p. m., 43°; maximum, 53°; minimum, 28°; mean, 40°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 4.87.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A decided storm area central over the upper lakes covers the country from the middle Atlantic coast, northwest to Minnesota. Cloudiness with scattered light rain areas, heavy winds and higher temperature prevails under it.

A high area central over the central Gulf covers the South and Southwestern sections, with fair and warmer weather prevailing under it. Fair and moderately warm weather prevails over the central West, with slowly rising barometer.

Local forecast to 12 o'clock midnight Thursday—Increasing cloudiness, with light rain probable at night, warmer, increasing southwest winds.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., 9.5 feet.

OUTLINES.

U. S. warships of the North Atlantic squadron will probably sail south before January 15th. —— Fire at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, destroyed 800 houses; at 6 40 a. m. yesterday there was an earthquake, but no fatalities. —— A fresh outbreak of the plague is reported in India. —— O. H. Mayer, agent of the Southern Express Co. at Brunswick, Ga., has skipped with $14,000 in currency of that company. —— The Merchants and Traders' Bank, Brunswick, Ga., failed; a warrant is out for the arrest of Henry O. Goldsmith, one of the best known men of Wall street, N. Y., who is said to have got away with about half a million dollars. —— Strong gales prevail on the coast of England. —— An English syndicate has secured control of the Trinidad Asphalt Co. —— James J. Corbett is preparing a challenge to send to Bob Fitzsimmons. ——Gen. Blanco has issued a decree announcing the lines upon which home rule government in Cuba is to be established. —— Negotiations are progressing to form a trust of the various stamping and enamelled ware interests in the United States; the capital invested is about $10 000,000. —— The French admiral in Chinese waters has hoisted the French flag on Hai-Nan island; the Chinese offered no opposition. ——President McKinley's envoys to the insurgent leaders received cold comfort from Gen. Gomez, who at first ordered that they be courtmartialed; they were subsequently dismissed and told that the reply would be made to the President through representatives of the Cuban government in Washington. —— The Senatorial election is the absorbing question at Columbus, Ohio; the anti-Hanna Republicans will test their forces in the organization of the Legislature; Kurtz, their leader, says Hanna will be defeated. —N. Y. markets: Money on call stiff at 2@4 per cent., last loan at 2½, and closed offered at 2½ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 5 15-16c; flour quiet and steady; wheat—spot weak. No. 3 red $1.00¾; corn—spot steady; No. 2 35¾c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady at 33½@34c.

There is something in foot ball after all. The Yale long-hairs got $5,000 as their share of the game with Howard.

There will be a short crop of French sardines next year. The catch of little herrings on the coast of Maine this year was poor.

The State of Missouri got $19,000,000 out of her fruit crop this year, $12,000,000 for apples, $4,500,000 for peaches and $4,000,000 for other fruits.

There is a movement on foot in Maryland to prevent the killing of song birds. This is right, but it should embrace other birds, too, not recognized as game birds.

Probably the largest cold storage establishment in the world is in London. It covers 10,961 square feet, is four stories high and will hold 100,000 carcasses of mutton.

The Chicago Aldermen have voted themselves $1,500 a year for "private secretaries." The probabilities are that many of them need the assistance of some one who can write

We are under obligations to the Philadelphia Ledger for its Almanac for 1898, a very convenient and valuable publication, not intended for sale, but for presentation to patrons and subscribers of the Ledger.

"Give Tammany a Chance," exclaims a New York Republican paper. The indications are that with the grip that Tammany now has, it will take all the chances it wants without asking.

The great Salt Lake of Utah, which is several miles long by about fifty wide, with a depth of from twenty to forty feet, is said to be gradually losing its saltiness. Many of the springs which flow into it, which were once quite salty, are now nearly fresh water.

A Republican organ remarks that there might be danger in publishing the pension list as it might show on what small pretexts a pension may be received. Phew! Are there not several thousand lawyers, experts in manufacturing pretexts, already engaged in that business?

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Mr. Chauncey M. Depew thinks the way to capture the markets of the world is to inaugurate a universal war on foreign nations by a prohibitory tariff. This looks somewhat wild, but it is logical. The Republicans believe in a protective tariff, and the only logically protective tariff is a prohibitory tariff. But a prohibitory tariff would keep out too many things that the nabobs want.

The Cincinnati Times-Star counts at thirty-seven of the great papers in the North which advocate pension reform, and only nine of these are opposed to the Republican party. These papers have more nerve, whether they be sincere or not, than the Congressmen on that side, who will dodge pension reform every time.

The famine in India has a sort of freakish way of serving people. It contracts their bodies and swells their heads. A peculiar kind of swell affair.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

SEACOAST ROAD—Extra train.

S. W. SANDERS—Fat turkeys.

MR JEDEDIAH ROBBINS.—"Singin Skule."

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

PROF. O. C. COGAN—Wire walker.

WIFE—Where did you get this tea?

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. T. R. Huffines, of Rocky Mount, was here yesterday.

— Capt. V. V. Richardson, of Whiteville, was here yesterday.

— Mrs. Ike Bear, of the Southern Distilling Company, leaves for New York this morning.

— Mr. S. A. King, formerly a North Carolinian, but now of Baxley, Ga., was among yesterday's visitors.

— Mr. M. L. Moore, a prominent business man of Hasty, Ga., was a welcome visitor at this office yesterday.

— Among yesterday's arrivals in the city were: J. M. Lloyd, Bethel; E. D Allen, Harrell's Store; R. M. Lewis, Beach, Ga.

— Rev. Dr. David Marx, the able and eloquent Atlanta divine, who has been in the city for several days, left yesterday on his return home. While here he was the guest of Mr. A. Shrier.

CHRISTMAS GERMAN.

Entertainment Given by L'Agile Cotillon Club—The Participants—Visiting Ladies, Etc.

L'Agile Cotillon Club gave their Christmas german last night at Germania Hall. It was a pretty dance, gracefully led by Mr. Warren Johnson, assisted by Mr. R. G. Rankin. The following ladies and gentlemen participated, viz: Mr. J. H. Bunting, Miss Eliza Bellamy; Mr. G. D. Crow, Miss Page Humphrey; Mr. W. C. Crow, Miss Leonora Cantwell; Mr. J. H. Cowan, Miss Octavia Boatwright; Mr. James Cotchett, Miss Olive Armstrong; Mr. S. P. Collier, Miss Bush; Mr. C. McD. Davis, Miss Emma West; Mr. T. W. Davis, Miss Sarah Kenan; Mr. F. W. Dick, Miss Lola Martin; Mr. C. R Lewis, Miss Armstrong; Mr. J. D. Latham, Miss Harlowe; Mr. A. A. Moffitt, Miss Lina Wiggins; Mr. H. McFarland, Miss May O'Connor; Mr. R. B. Mason, Miss Carry Davis; Mr. R. N. Nash, Miss Lucy Latham; Mr. H. McMillan, Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy; Mr. H. B Peschau, Miss Marie Peschau, Mr. R. G. Peschau, Miss Annie Lee; Mr. J. M. Stevenson, Miss Sue M. Queen; Mr. L. B. Southerland, Miss Dismukes; Mr. E. St. John, Miss Nessie Cotchett; Mr. E Taylor, Miss Myers; Mr. W. W. Vick, Miss Lila Young; Mr. E P. Willard, Miss Julia Daggett; Mr. C. Giles, Jr., Miss Annie Kidder; Mr. Warren Johnson, Miss Hattie Bellamy; Mr. Neill Emerson, Miss Mabel Powers; Mr. June Davis, Miss Pollock; Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Miss Jane Meares; Mr. Ed. Metts, Miss Bridgers; Mr. Young, Miss Fannie Green.

The visiting ladies were Misses Armstrong, Miss Bush, Miss Sharrer, Miss Myers and Miss Young.

Chemical Fire Engine.

The chemical fire engine for the use of the paid fire department will be accompanied by Mr. J H. Spear, of New York, representing the manufacturers. He will show the firemen how to manage it.

If the department comes up to the proper standard it is understood that the rate of insurance on business houses will be reduced 15 cents on the $100.

Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner David Jacobs went to Prospect Church, seven miles from here, yesterday morning, to empanel a jury to hold an inquest over the body of the late Miss Carolina Humphrey, who was killed by a train day before yesterday. The names of the jurors follow: E. W. Manning, W. P. Oldham, J. T. Howe, W. T. Shepard, E. G. Pollock and T. B Carney. The jury will meet at the Court House at 10 a. m. to-day.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Tug Harlin, with dredge, arrived at Southport yesterday morning for harbor.

— Deputy Sheriff Flynn yesterday arrested Jas. Bradley, colored, charged with stealing a quantity of lumber from Mr. Thad Tyler.

— The Christmas german of L'Etoile Cotillon Club takes place this evening at Germania Hall. Mr. Richard Bradley will lead.

— The local cotton market wore a slightly improved aspect yesterday; 5 7-16c was bid for middling, against 5⅜c on the day before.

— There will be a Christmas tree at Brooklyn Baptist church to-night. A delightful evening is expected by the members of the Sunday School.

— The ladies of Concordia Society will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society to-night by giving a fete at the rooms of Harmony Circle.

— Mr. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, cotton dealer and proprietor of "Maxton's Livery," sends the STAR an exceedingly pretty calendar, the illustration representing a winter scene which is true to nature and very attractive.

SENT TO THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Case Against Chief of Police Melton and Others for Assault.

The case against Chief of Police Jno. R Melton and policemen C. O. Knox, Rowan, Green and F. P. Toomer (colored), charged with committing an assault upon the person of Deputy Sheriff Wm. Gaion, colored, on the 17th inst., by imprisoning him (Gaion) in the guard house, was called for trial in Justice McGowan's court yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, the State being represented by Herbert McClammy, Esq., and the defendants by David B. Sutton, Esq., and Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy. Mr. Marsden Bellamy inquired if the counsel for the State was going to contend that the case was one in which a magistrate could not take final jurisdiction. Mr. McClammy stated that such would be the State's contention, as the alleged assault was not an ordinary one, but on the contrary was a most aggravated one.

The ruling of the court upon the question of final jurisdiction was then requested, and Justice McGowan sustained the contention of the counsel for the State. Each of the defendants, through their counsel, waived an examination, and were recognized in the sum of $50 each for their appearance for trial at the next term of the Circuit Court.

Eyota Tribe of Red Men.

At the meeting of the Eyota Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, last evening, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Sachem—E P. H. Strunck.
Senior Sagamore—G G. Watts.
Junior Sagamore—R. H. Northrop.
Prophet—George Sloan.
Chief of Records—Jas. M. McGowan.
Keeper Wampum—E R. Wootten.
Trustees—E P. H. Strunck, G. G. Watts and R. H. Northrop.

The above, with the appointive officers, will be installed on fifth sleep cold moon, G. S. D. 497, at 8 h run.

The Shabby Corners Becoming Splendid.

The shabby corners in Wilmington are getting to be the splendid ones. The displacing of the unsightly structure on the corner of Fifth and Princess by Dr. F. H. Russell's new residence has already been stated in the STAR. Now workmen are busy tearing down the old store on Fifth and Chesnut streets, and the one story frame houses on Chesnut, above the store. On the lots Mr. J. F. Woolvin will erect several new houses. The old house on the corner of Fourth and Market has been torn down making room for the erection of a handsome two-story house with modern improvements.

Orion Lodge Elects Officers.

Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., met last night and elected the following officers:

N G.—J. W. Cole.
V. G.—W. C. Moore.
R. S.—L. Tate Bowden.
F. S.—J. E. Silva.
Treasurer—H. O. Craig.
Trustees Widows' and Orphans' Fund—F. B. Rice, G. W. Smith, J. E. Silva.
General Relief Committeeman—Geo. H. Howell.

These officers will be installed next Wednesday night.

To Our Advertisers.

The STAR is in a state of transition from old to new type this week, and expects to appear in its new dress Saturday morning. As a vast amount of work is involved in the change, and we are handicapped by sickness in the office, advertisers will confer a favor by handing in their new ads. to-day. For this week it will be necessary for those who have been changing their advertisements for Sunday's issue to make the change in Saturday's issue. After this week they may select any day they prefer.

A New Club House at Carolina Beach.

Another Summer will find Carolina Beach ornamented with two new club houses. The work on the Atlantic Club house will be completed by the time the "heated term" begins; and now it is learned that subscribers are being secured for another. It will be owned and managed by our German friends.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery. tf

50 bunches Bananas at the Palace Bakery for 5 and 10c dozen. †

"LONDON ASSURANCE"

To Be Presented at the Opera House To-Morrow Night by the University Dramatic Club.

To-morrow evening at the Opera House, the University Dramatic Club will present that ever-popular play, "London Assurance," a creation of Dion Boucicault, the well known dramatist.

The club commenced its present tour Tuesday night at Tarboro, and met in that place with a most enthusiastic reception from a large audience, who thoroughly appreciated the true worth and excellency of the production. The audience that will be present at the theatre to morrow evening not only should be a large one, but must be. The sale of seats commenced yesterday morning at Gerken's, the admission being fifty cents, but no extra charge for reserve seats.

The patronesses of this social event in this city are as follows: Mrs Jno. D Bellamy, Mrs. C. W. Polvogt, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., Mrs. Rheinstein, Mrs. J. W. Norwood, Mrs. Geo. W. Kidder, Mrs. Joseph Watters, Mrs. James Sprunt, Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Mrs. W. G. Elliott, Mrs. H. McL. Green, Mrs. Gabe Holmes, Mrs. George Honnett, Mrs. L. L. Pritchard, Mrs. Edwin Peschau, Mrs. C. C. Covington and Mrs. C. W. Yates.

"De Staff" of the W. L. I.

During the Summer of '98 the companies of the State Guard forming the Second Regiment encamped for ten days at Wrightsville, and during the entire soldierly sojourn a set of jolly fellows from the ranks of the Wilmington Light Infantry formed themselves into a cohort called "de staff"—purpose, good fellowship and fun; and the merry, merry time that these soldier-lads created to relieve the monotony of camp life is well remembered and most mirthfully recorded in the minds of all who witnessed or heard about this encampment. Since that time many of those jolly fellows have taken up their abodes in distant lands, but as the Christmas season drew near they all returned to dear old Wilmington; and Tuesday evening a reunion of "de staff" was held, and those gay and loving times of "auld lang syne" were recalled and a good time in general indulged in. Around the festive banquet table were gathered Messrs. E. A. McKoy, C. R. Lewis, Thos. H. Wright, R. H. Cowan, George Gates, J. S. Hooper, Hugh Turrentine, Eugene Woodward, C. B. Cooper, A. P. Adrian, Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr. 2nd, and Jas. H. Cowan, of the STAR.

Oriental Conclave Heptasophs.

At a regular meeting of Oriental Conclave No. 1, Heptasophs, or Seven Wise Men, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term, viz.:

W. C.—T. C. Bray.
E. A—J. W. Kramer.
W. P.—W. E. Yopp.
I. G—B. B. Brown.
P. elate—T. J. Wilson.
R. S.—R. W. Jewell.
Treasurer—T. J. Gore.
Herald—J. H. Holton.
W—W. J. Harriss.
S—Geo. T. Grotgen.
Seven Supporters—B O. Rogers, W. R. Linstrom, Thos. Losser, B. D. Baldwin, Jas. A. Lewis, B M. Hill and N. Politz.
Trustees—W. E Yopp, W. R. Linstrom and J. W. Kramer.

The above newly elected officers will be installed next Tuesday evening, and the occasion will be a most auspicious one, as a rare performance of music will be rendered and refreshments served. A most laughable mock initiation will be presented.

Magistrates' Courts.

Justice Bunting disposed of the following cases yesterday:

Sim Howe, colored, charged with the larceny of a gun, was discharged. Noah Watters, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was also discharged, as was John Pearsall, colored, charged with the larceny of a bicycle from Messrs. J. M. Wright & Co.

A case against Dan George, charged with committing an assault, inflicting serious damage, was transferred to Justice McGowan, in whose court the case was dismissed.

Before Justice Fowler, Richard McCabe was arraigned, charged with assaulting and cutting Jonah Ward with a knife. The defendant waived an examination and was placed under $50 bond, which he gave, for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—69 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—458 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 149 bbls rosin, 55 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—19 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 128 bbls rosin, 27 bbls tar, 87 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—1 bale cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 45 bbls rosin, 74 bbls tar.

Wilmington & Newbern R. R.—232 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 4 bbls rosin.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—11 casks spirits turpentine, 40 bbls rosin, 87 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 764 bales; spirits turpentine, 50 casks; rosin, 866 bbls; tar, 243 bbls; crude turpentine, 88 bbls.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

MATRIMONIAL EVENTS.

Miss Kate Whiting Walker Married to Dr. DuVal Jones—Miss Sadie D. Horton and Mr. S. P. Cowan.

At high noon yesterday, in this city, Dr. Robert DuVal Jones, of Newbern, and Miss Kate Whiting Walker, of this city, stood together in St. James' Episcopal church and breathed the sacred vows that joined them together as man and wife.

The interior of the church was beautifully and artistically decorated, portraying well the happy event, and the many rare and choice flowers plucked and arranged by loving hands, dazzling and radiant under the glow of the mid-day rays of light, formed a scene of unusual brightness and conveyed to the mind a feeling of felicitation and merriment.

Promptly at noon the ceremony commenced, the ushers, Messrs. R. B Mason and Richard Bradley, leading the way up the middle aisle, followed by the maid of honor and cousin of the bride, Miss Cammie Lord, habited in a charming and stylish suit of gray-brown. The bride, becomingly attired in a handsome and fashionable travelling tailor-made suit, then advanced up the aisle leaning on the arm of her cousin, Mr. F. A. Lord, and was met at the altar by the groom, attended by Mr. D. R. Davis, of Newbern, the best man, and Rev. Rob't Strange, D. D., rector of the church, then pronounced the marriage service.

From the church the bridal party went to the residence of Mr. F. A. Lord, corner Front and Ann streets, where an elaborate breakfast was partaken of, and at 2 25 o'clock Dr. and Mrs. Jones left for their future home in Newbern, where they were tendered a reception and german last evening. Two of the attendants at the wedding were Master Frederick Munds with little Miss Amoret Lord.

The bride is a daughter of the late Dr. Josh C. Walker, of this city, and the groom is one of Newbern's most promising young professional men. Mr. E. H. Munson presided at the organ.

COWAN HORTON.

The marriage bells continue to ring out their merry peals in this joyous Christmas season, and replete with happiness the wedded mates.

Mr. S. P. Cowan and Miss Sadie D. Horton, both of this city, were united in matrimony last night, at 8 o'clock, at the residence on South Front street of Junius Davis, Esq., the brother-in-law of the groom. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. B Oliver, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in the presence of many relatives and friends.

The bride was attired in white organdie and the groom wore the conventional black. The parlors were tastily decorated with bamboo and ferns. Many valuable presents testified the esteem of friends. A delicious wedding supper was served, and, after the festivities, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan repaired to their future home on Government avenue.

A CHRISTMAS FEAST.

Entertainment for the Sunday School of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

A Christmas feast was given last night to the Sunday school of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Several beautiful and appropriate carols were rendered by the school. They were interspersed with a recital of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer by the school, and a prayer by Rev. G M. Tolson, who also gave the scripture readings "Birth of the Child Jesus" and "Zion's King Has Come."

Then came interesting exercises by the infant class, which numbers thirty-seven. The excellent manner in which every member of the class did his or her part reflected great credit on the teacher, Miss Mary Bernard. The programme follows:

1. Carol, "The Angels," by class.
2. Recitation, "The Child Jesus," Gertrude Lewis.
3. Carol, "Once in Royal David's City."
4. Recitation, "Why We Like Christmas," by members of the Infant Class.
5. Recitation, "At the Party," Fannie May Marine.
6. Recitation, "Three Little Frogs," Maggie Wells.
7. Recitation, "Directions to Santa Claus," Thomas Young.
8. Carol, "O Child of Bethlehem."

The feast was last, and spread upon four large tables, besides two smaller ones for the little folks. The evening was much enjoyed by all.

Mr. J. Hal Boatwright is superintendent of the Sunday School.

The Jedediah Bobbin "Singin Skule" Next Tuesday Night.

At the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Tuesday night, January 4th, will be seen the humorous entertainment which has set the whole South to laughing. The "Singin Skule" is given for the benefit of the gymnasium. The Asheville, N. C., Gazette has this to say of it:

"The Opera House was filled. All expected to be well entertained and none were disappointed. The large audience went there to laugh and they did it with a guesto; however, it must not be inferred that the entertainment was all nonsense, for there was some really meritorious work performed of a high order. The entertainment was a success in every way."

The local talent who will participate are now being drilled by Messrs. Bertram and Willard, of New York. The parts of Mr. and Mrs. Jedediah Bobbin are taken by these two gentlemen, and their performance is spoken of as being very funny.

Will Probably Not Accept.

It is quite probable that Dr. L. G. Broughton, of Roanoke, will decline the call tendered him by the First Baptist church of this city. A private letter received from him Tuesday states that he cannot wait until May 1, the date the call from here is to take effect, to begin work in a new field. He will, therefore, most likely accept one of the other flattering calls that have been given him. However, positive information to this effect is lacking. He will not make known his final decision before next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Entertainment by the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church.

An interesting Christmas programme was rendered last night by the Sunday School of the First Baptist church. Mr. G. E Leftwich, the popular superintendent, announced the numbers on the programme. The first was a song by the whole school, followed by prayer by Rev. R. H. Gilbert, of Harrell's Store.

The second number was a vocal duet entitled "Black American," by Mrs. Ed Woody and Miss Nellie Calder. This was exceedingly well rendered, and provoked a storm of applause.

Miss Mary Waite, a little girl, gave a recitation, "When Santa Claus Comes," that won the hearts of the audience.

One of the most enjoyable features of the occasion was the "A B. C. Duet" by Mr. and Mrs. James Calder. The accompaniment was by Mr. Alf. Yopp.

The recitation of "Lisca" was given by Mrs. G. C. Jones. Mrs. Jones demonstrated beyond question her ability as a reciter. This was her first effort in Wilmington, but she will doubtless be called into service often now.

Mr. A. S. Holden sang a splendid solo, "The Son of the Desert Am I." He was followed by Miss Annie Taylor, who rendered in a very sweet voice "Sweet Golden Daisies," the accompaniment being played by Miss Bessie Bartt.

Mr. Leftwich announced that much to the regret of the school one part of the programme had to be omitted—an address that was to have been delivered by Rev. W. B. Oliver, who could not be present.

Messrs. S. G. Hall, H. G. Whitney, Will Struthers and James S. Hooper were appointed a committee to distribute fruits and confectioneries. Afterwards there was an informal reception from which the superintendent hoped that no one would go without first meeting every body that he did not know before.

The Boys' Brigade, a military branch of the school, was present in a body.

A WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

"One More Unfortunate, Sadly Importunate, Gone to Her Death."

Mamie Mays, a fallen woman, shot and killed herself this morning at 1.30 o'clock in Mattie Allen's house, near the corner of Fourth and Castle streets. When the pistol shot was heard, some of the inmates entered the room, and found her lying on the floor by the bedside with a 32 calibre pistol under her head. She was dressed and had her hat and shoes on. The ball entered just in front of the upper part of the right ear, and death resulted in about half an hour.

The woman is about 26 or 28 years old, and has relatives living near Raleigh. She came here several months ago from Darlington, S. C. Her acquaintances say she was not perfectly sane. She had been despondent for a day or so on account of unrequited passion, and had threatened to take her life.

It was rumored that she wanted to go out with a young man, and upon the proprietress' refusing to let her go she killed herself. It was not possible to get a physician until after the unfortunate woman had passed to her reward.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Still Stretching Out—It Adds 340 Miles of Railroad to Its System.

The following telegram may be relied on, the STAR having verified all the material statements at the headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city:

NEW YORK, December 28.—Thos. F. Ryan to day confirmed the report that, in conjunction with Gen. Sam. Thomas, he has sold the Charleston & Western Carolina railroad to the Atlantic Coast Line interests. Ryan declined to discuss the price or terms, other than to say that Thomas and himself were entirely out of the property. From other sources it was learned that the transfer of the road to the Atlantic Coast Line had been effected and that the property will now be merged into that system, thereby increasing its mileage 340 miles.

The acquisition of the Charleston & Western Carolina by the Atlantic Coast Line is a very important event in Southern railway circles, for the reason that it will open up a very valuable territory with much business. The present road is the outcome of the absorption of the old Port Royal and Port Royal & Augusta roads, acquired three years ago by Thomas and Ryan.

The road will also form an important feeder for the Atlantic Coast Line, and it may be necessary for the latter to do a little building to make direct connections with the property. At present the Atlantic Coast Line reaches Charleston and Western North Carolina at Augusta, over South Carolina and Georgia from Denmark, S. C., a distance of 57 miles. Under the new arrangement the Atlantic Coast Line will have terminals at Norfolk, Wilmington, Charleston and Port Royal.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE December 29.—On January first, the Atlantic Coast Line will add to its system an important line by securing the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad.

Mr. N. B Newcomer, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, said that for the present the same management would be continued on the road.

The S. A L has traffic arrangements with this road to get into Augusta and Charleston, S. C., and change in control, it is thought, may mean some change in this arrangement. In some circles it is thought, however, that it will be continued, owing to the amicable feeling existing now between the two systems as a result of the Seaboard making peace with the Southern Railway, with which the Atlantic Coast Line works in harmony.

The capital stock of the newly acquired road is $1 200 000. Its bonded debt consists of $3 700 000 of first mortgage bonds, $1,800,000 of income bonds, and Augusta terminal bonds aggregating $600 000 The fixed charges are said to be $8 000 a mile, and the property is paying, it is said, five per cent. on a $5,000 000 capitalization.

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BANK OF SMITHFIELD.

Organized Last Monday Week—Will Commence Business Soon.

[Star Correspondence.]

SMITHFIELD, N. C., Dec. 28.

The Bank of Smithfield has been duly organized, and will commence business in a few weeks.

The following board of directors have been chosen: A. R. Smith, T. R Hood, E. J. Holt, W. A. Barnes, W. L. Fuller, C. Radford, Wm. M. Sanders and J. A. Morgan.

All the gentlemen are well known in business circles, and their names connected with this institution will insure safe and efficient management. They are all very popular men, capable financiers and thoroughly competent in every respect. Above all, and most important, they are of sterling integrity.

The directors met Monday evening and elected A. K. Smith, president; W. L Woodall, vice president, and Jno. O Ellington, cashier.

The officers are all well known to the people of the county. Mr. Smith is a capable financier and a most excellent business man; Mr. Woodall is probably the largest merchant in Johnston county—safe, reliable and aggressive; and the cashier, Mr. Ellington, is a young man of fine business qualities and well suited to the duties to which he has been assigned.

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 30, 1897

IN A MUDDLE.

Secretary Gage's unequivocal declaration for the gold standard, that is a gold standard more emphatically pronounced than it has yet been, and his refusal to modify that declaration, has got the Republican politicians and statesmen in a muddle that they would give something nice to be out of safely. The Secretary seems disposed to push his scheme, in which he may be supported by Eastern gold Republicans and by gold Democrats, but when he does he will cause a racket in his own party and then fail to carry it through.

It may have been noticed that the President took good care not to endorse his Secretary's scheme in his message to Congress, and only went so far as to recommend that the Government notes be retired on redemption when the Government receipts amounted to more than the expenditures, a very marrowless recommendation, for there is little probability of this happening any time during Mr. McKinley's time, unless they devise some new way of raising revenue, and follow the suggestion of Senator Hoar by putting a heavier tax on beer, or strike on something else, which in addition to an extra beer tax might do that. It is intimated that the President refrained from going with Senator Gage in his currency reform programme at the earnest solicitation of Western Congressmen, who declared that it would defeat the Republicans in the next Congressional elections and jeopardize the Presidency next time if it didn't also wreck the Republican party in the meantime, and hence he touched that question very gingerly and played upon the "international agreement" string as if the people could be fooled with that fake any longer.

This is what they are banking on now, and this is one of the reasons why they do not wish the currency question agitated, especially on the Gage lines, for however it is agitated it will cause dissensions in the party and put on record the statesmen who would much prefer to play mum. They hope to play the international agreement fake and thus dodge the currency issue that they do not wish to face.

Senator Wolcott gave this away in the remarks he made in the Senate shortly before it adjourned for the holidays, and he took occasion to good humoredly score the Eastern gold men at that New England dinner in New York and to throw a few sharp darts at Secretary Gage, for meddling with their game. Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, is a silver Republican, but he stuck to the party in the last election and supported its nominees, as Senator Wolcott did. He agrees with Wolcott, and would, if he could, gag Secretary Gage, whose declarations for the gold standard he pronounces out of line with the St. Louis platform. The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger quotes him thus:

"Secretary Gage's radical declaration in favor of the gold standard is not in line with the platform of the Republican party. A special train carried a gold standard contingent to St. Louis last Summer. The object of these gentlemen was to force their peculiar financial views upon the party. They failed to do it, because they met there the combined Republican wisdom of the country, and better counsels prevailed. Had they succeeded in their purpose Mr. Gage would not be Secretary of the Treasury. The President has earnestly endeavored to comply with the mandates of the convention which nominated him. He will not cease to urge other nations to join us in an international agreement, and the great mass of Republican voters will sustain him.

"The Wolcott Commission has done remarkably well. The Republican party, under a solemn pledge to promote international bimetallism, has been in power a little more than eight months, and yet one of the great European nations has positively agreed to co-operate with us, while the great Bank of England met our commissioners half way. The conditions in Europe are ripe for a continuation of further effort on our part. To stop now would be suicidal; it would be almost criminal. There is no danger of the passage of any 16 to 1 legislation by the Senate. I am quite sure that there is not a 16 to 1 majority in that body. With the present bright prospects for international bimetallism, the majority of the American people are opposed to independent action on the 16 to 1 or any other revolutionary basis. I do not know of anything that would drive this country into a financial revolution unless it be the narrow, radical and pig-headed policy of the gold standard advocates. Mr. Gage's policy has put new life into Populism."

This frontier Senator evidently appreciates the danger of the "narrow, pig-headed policy of the gold standard advocates," and right well he may for, as he says, there is "revolution" in it. Senator Chandler has sounded the warning from the East, and Wolcott and Hansbrough emphasized it from the West, and even the gold statesmen are shaky about joining hands with Secretary Gage lest it knock the props from under the old party and put an anti-gold standard man in the Presidency next term, give him a Democratic Congress, and clinch the business by passing a bimetallic bill that would knock the gold standard clear out.

When Senator Hansbrough says Secretary Gage's policy has put new life into Populism, it is simply another way of saying that it has opened the eyes of a good many people to the true inwardness of the Republican party on the money question and to how little reliance can be placed in its managers to carry out in good faith its platform declarations and to their lack of sincerity in dealing with the people and of honesty in dealing with great questions. This is fully illustrated in the course pursued by the Secretary on one side and by the President on the other, presenting the odd picture of the Secretary appointed by the President advocating one thing and the President who appointed him advocating nothing, for his recommendation as to retiring the Government notes practically amounts to nothing. Here is an administration committed to bimetallism divided, one of its leading members coming out squarely for the gold standard and insisting that this is in full accord with the St. Louis platform, while the others are mum and are afraid to either approve or disapprove for fear if they approve they will drive away voters in the West or if they disapprove they will drive away voters in the East. They need the votes of both the silver Republicans in the West and of the gold Republicans in the East to hold their grip and that's what's troubling them.

They are dealing with this question as they deal with all great questions, simply as politicians, regardless of platform declarations, and they are playing and hoping to pull the wool over the eyes of the people as they have been doing for years, and as they did again at the last election when they roped in the gold men by declaring for the gold standard, and roped in the silver Republicans by putting an international agreement tail to the gold standard declaration. The gold men attached no importance to the silver tail and therefore they were content with the gold standard declaration, to which Secretary Gage now wants the country "more thoroughly committed" In the meantime the Republican statesmen are in a muddle, out of which they would like very much to see their way.

A GRAND TRIBUTE TO LEE.

President Andrews, of Brown University, R. I., is a man of convictions and he has the courage to utter them, whether those to whom he utters them agree with him or not. The position he took upon the silver question aroused the resentment of the gold advocates, who brought such pressure to bear upon the trustees of the University that they requested a modification of his views or silence, which he, of course, understood and refused, and his resignation was promptly sent and accepted "with regrets." But the storm of indignation which this piece of proscription on account of opinion aroused forced a reconsideration of this action, and the result was that he was requested to recall his resignation, which he did, and he accordingly continues in the presidency of the University.

But since then he has raised another racket, this time in Grand Army Circles, by an eloquent tribute to Gen. Robert E. Lee, delivered in a lecture on Lee a short while ago, which is all the more remarkable as it comes from a man who showed his devotion to the Union by fighting as a private soldier in the Union army, where he lost an eye in battle. The following is the tribute which has raised such a racket among the "loyal":

"He had the faith of the crusader; his letters would make a guide to holiness. He was always a soldier—never impure in thought of act never profane or obscene. He did not touch the cup, as did Grant, Hooker, or Phil Sheridan, and when he lost a fight it was never said of him that the defeat was due to a habit which makes men's heads into muddles. He was never outgeneraled by Grant in all the campaign from the Rappahannock to James river, never trapped and never caught napping. I fail to find in the books any such masterful generalship as this hero showed, holding that slim gray line, half starved, with no prospects of additions, and fighting when his army was too hungry to stand and the rifles were only useful as clubs. His courage was sublime. He was as great as Gustavus Adolphus or Napoleon, or Wellington, or Von Moltke. His cause was not the lost cause so much as is supposed. All that was good in his cause has been grafted into our laws and our constitution.

"The doctrine of State's rights, as now interpreted by the Supreme Court, is in exact accordance with his claims on the point. Gen. Lee lost at Gettysburg because the Federal troops had received a new motor of tremendous strength, whose power no one knew—Gen. Hancock. He also lost because Meade's men were fighting on Union soil—almost within hearing distance of the prayers of their wives and children for victory. They were at their hearthstones. Men are tigers when wives and families are the inspiration in war.

"It was not until the Federal army stood almost at the very doors of Richmond that Gen. Lee was sent to the front. Heretofore he had been but half-kindly regarded, but when he took command of that ill-disciplined, ill-armed and ragged army he was hailed a savior. He outwitted McClellan, whipped two armies much larger than his own, stopped the advance on Richmond, drove back the Union army, saved Richmond and was famous in a day. The world had never seen such generalship, and the world was astounded at it.

"Lee successively defeated, outgeneraled and routed the best generals that Washington could send against him, and it was not until the immortal Grant, with the finest army of veterans that the world has ever seen, took the field against him that Lee's marvellous accomplishments received a check. Even against Grant Lee fought as probably no other general ever fought, and against odds that would have driven Napoleon to despair.

"It was a great death struggle when Grant faced Lee, and Lee then knew that his was a hopeless struggle. He kept that thin gray line of ragged, hungry men, growing thinner and hungrier each day, together. His courage, his wonderful presence and strong personality kept that little band of tattered and emaciated men in battle array, and fought to the last ditch, surrendered only when he realized that it would be murder to keep up the struggle.

"Gen. Lee's cause is not lost. All that is good of it remains; all that was bad has been wiped out. Our country is better and grander to day because the relations of several States in the Union have been intelligently defined, and perhaps we owe at least that much to Gen. Robert E Lee and the cause he fought for."

MINOR MENTION.

The news from China in reference to the movements of the land grabbers is becoming quite interesting, and indicates a pretty lively racket over there, unless those who have already grabbed take counsel of their discretion and hold up until they reach a better understanding with those who want to do some grabbing on their own account. In the meantime poor, pitiable old China, which, with her 400,000,000 of people, ought to be a match for any power that could be massed against her, looks on dumbfounded and in astonishment, apparently not knowing what to say or to do or which way to turn for backing. She was counting on Russia, but Russia seems to be so much occupied with her own schemes that she isn't giving much attention to China's interests. England and Japan seem to be acting in concert, while John Bull pushes his more impulsive and daring ally to the front to knock the chip off Russia's shoulder, but Japan recognizes the fact that if Russia gets a foothold on the Chinese coast her game is up, and the extension of her own dominion in that direction effectually blocked, and hence the celerity with which she acts in opposing the Russian programme. She has more than that at stake, for with Russia firmly established at Port Arthur, or at any other winter open port her prestige would be in danger and her power imperilled, for with the co-operation of Russia and with Russia as an instructor in the art of war China might recuperate and sore from her defeat by Japan seek the first opportunity to avenge herself, when Japan might not find her as soft a snap as she did in the late war when she walked over her. As things are progressing now, unless the grabbers put on their thinking caps and come to a halt they may soon be making some new history over there and new maps also.

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The British Hosiery Company, of Thorton, R. I., has decided to move part of its plant—the cotton part—South, to Nashville, Tenn. The reason assigned is the present condition of the cotton manufacturing industry and the wage trouble up there, which they hope to escape by transferring their cotton business to the South. They seem disposed to take a new departure, which will be watched with considerable interest, for the dispatch tells us that they will send a number of their experts to operate their Southern plant and instruct the inexperienced colored employes. This means that the plant will be operated with colored help, for they can't be mixed in this latitude. We do not suppose the employment of colored help is a matter of sympathy, but simply of business, the company concluding that this will be cheaper than white labor. If it be, then they will have another advantage, for the New England mill men say that white labor in our mills is now from 40 to 50 per cent. less than the same labor in their mills. The experiment, however, will be worth watching.

The mission of Hood's Sarsaparilla is to cure disease, and thousands of testimonials prove it fulfills its mission well.

— Charlotte Observer: Mr. Hamp Horn, a citizen of Anson, has been in Monroe some days on a visit. To-day (Tuesday) at 1 o'clock, he procured a quantity of chloroform and going to the house of his sister, asked for pencil and paper. She suspected something, and on discovering the bottle of chloroform tried to get it from him. Instead of giving it up, he held it in both hands, held it to his mouth, and drank it all, amounting to about 15 ordinary doses. Paroxysms set in, followed by insensibility, and as this is written he is lying as if dead. His recovery is doubtful indeed.

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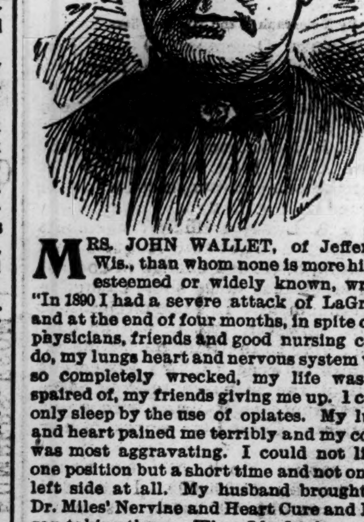

MRS. JOHN WALLET, of Jefferson, Wis., than whom none is more highly esteemed or widely known, writes. "In 1890 I had a severe attack of LaGrippe and at the end of four months, in spite of all physicians, friends and good nursing could do, my lungs heart and nervous system were so completely wrecked, my life was despaired of, my friends giving me up. I could only sleep by the use of opiates. My lungs and heart pained me terribly and my cough was most aggravating. I could not lie in one position but a short time and not on my left side at all. My husband brought me Dr. Miles' Nervine and Heart Cure and I began taking them. When I had taken a half bottle of each I was much better and continuing persistently I took about a dozen bottles and was completely restored to health to the surprise of all."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fayetteville Observer: Sarah Burks, an aged colored woman, dropped dead in Campbellton this (Tuesday) morning of heart disease.

— Winston Journal: Friday about midnight a son of Wesley Vest was turned out of a grog shop near the old Harrison Pitts place, on Shallowford road, while in an intoxicated condition. He was unable to reach home and lay by the roadside the remainder of the night. He was found Saturday morning in a comatose condition, from which he never rallied. He died Saturday evening.

— Concord Standard: We are told, and we have no fear but that it is correct, that Mr. J. W. Cannon has secured a company of men, and will double, if possible, the capacity of the present cotton mill at Albemarle, and put up a new one that will involve $300,000 worth of capital, and of course this will mean that a large number of houses also will be built for his employes.

— Salisbury Sun: J. J. Newman, agent of D L. Risley, colony locator, went to Gold Hill again to day. He is engaged in securing lands for the location of a colony on the Yadkin railroad at Gold Hill. The Sun mentioned some time since that 5,000 acres were to be used in the founding of this Gold Hill colony, about 3,000 of which had already been secured. Now Mr. Newman informs us that at least 7,000 and perhaps 10,000 acres will be used. Nearly all of the necessary land has been secured.

— Goldsboro Argus: At 12.50 o'clock to day (Tuesday), just as the workmen were assembling on the building to resume work after the dinner hour, the building, a wooden structure which Messrs. H. Weil & Bros. were having erected at the northeast corner of the cotton yard on John street, for storing cotton, collapsed with a terrific crash. Abe Faison and Millis Mabry, or Mebane Millard as some call him, two colored men at work as helpers about the structure, were crushed to death, neither of them, perhaps, ever knowing just what killed them. There were eighteen men at work on the building at the time of the collapse, and why more were not killed is simply miraculous. As it is, several were more or less injured. They are Messrs. Dock Johnson, Chas. Weber, Boaz Sasser and Jesse Pipkins, all white. Mr. Johnson is the most seriously injured, and grave fears are entertained far him at this writing.

TWINKLINGS.

— "What do you think of your mother-in-law?" asked Cain's wife's sister of Cain's wife.

"She's a very original woman." replied Mrs Cain.—Puck.

— A school boy was asked to explain the formation of dew. His answer was: "The earth revolves on an axis every twenty-four hours, and in consequence of the tremendous pace at which it travels it perspires freely."—Tit Bits.

— "I have heard," said the young woman who is improving her mind, "that sometimes it requires a great deal of art to succeed in not doing things."

"It does," replied Senator Sorghum, "unquestionably; especially if you are being paid for them."—Washington Star.

— Unchanged—"Weyler seems to retain his military tastes."

"What do you mean?"

"This paper says that he desires nothing more than a quiet retreat."—Puck.

— In the Front Row: "Your husband seems to be much bolder than he was last year."

"Yes, he's pretty close to the final stage."

"Final stage?"

"Yes, the vaudeville advantages."—Puck.

— A Successful Partnership: Emperor William—What is the latest from Hayti?

Imperial Aid—The Haytians have submitted, sire.

Emperor William—'Nother victory for me and Providence.—Judge.

— Mr. Chipps (looking up from the paper)—"The doctors have discovered another new disease"

Mrs. Chipps—"Well, I wish they'd stop looking for new diseases long enough to find a cure for my old rheumatism"—New York Weekly.

— Brown—"Ah, Smith, let me introduce you to Mr. Cayley Gott. I'm sure you've read his famous books!"

Smith—"N-n-no. I'm afraid I haven't had the pleasure."

Brown—"O course you have, my dear fellow, but you've forgotten—that's it."—Punch.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— The Hon. W. D. Bynum has been forced to close his Wall street political agency on account of the rush McKinley prosperity. Having failed to deliver the goods in Kentucky, and other states where he was engaged as a missionary, he is forced out of the missionary field, and will engage in the practice of law in Brooklyn.

—— As the truth concerning the manner in which Colonel Ruiz met his death is developed, the action of the Cuban insurgents appears less reprehensible. Instead of being a peace envoy, instructed to conduct negotiations in an open honorable way, his mission seems to have been bribery and corruption.—Baltimore Herald, Dem.

—— When Weyler was about to lose his place in Cuba, and with it his opportunity to murder and plunder, he said he had practically "pacified" the island. There was a mere show of activity on the part of the insurgents. Now the fellow says that an attempt to give the Cubans autonomy will lose the island to Spain, sure. Weyler must have been mistaken about his pacifications, or he must be wrong now, concerning the strength of the rebellion.—Chattanooga Times, Dem.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids indigestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle at R R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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An Ignorance Whose Depth and Breadth Made It Highly Entertaining—Stetson Was a Source of Fun Outside of Theatrical Circles as Well as Within Them.

There is a man born now and then with a sort of humorous silver spoon in his mouth. Uninterrupted good fortune as a humorist smiles on him through life, and that, too, with no seeming effort of his own. He somehow acquires an early reputation for saying or doing funny things, which, once gained, nothing can take away. All the jokes in his line of his generation, and often some of earlier and later generations, are credited to him, and nobody cares to dispute the honor. Collectors of jokes are ready to accept Joe Miller as Joe Miller, but no literary scholar believes that he originated all the jests in his alleged book. Anybody can think for himself of two or three similar examples in the present half century, and, even so, it is not likely that John Stetson ever really said all or half the amusing things that were attributed to him. They were good stories, some of them, and they were told of Stetson, just as the story of fiddling while Rome burned was told of Nero, not because they were true, but to show what kind of man Stetson was.

The stories which it was thought proper to fix upon John Stetson were those which exhibited any broad, comprehensive and picturesque ignorance. He was an ignorant man no doubt—ignorant enough, perhaps, to say all the things that it was ever said that he said, but the chances are that he did not say them all. But the stories are none the worse for that. Years ago Sophocles' "Œdipus Tyrannus" was played by the students of Harvard college and excited great comment throughout the country. It was discussed one evening at a dinner at which Stetson was present, and he cheered the company by announcing that he had contracted with Sophocles for the writing of a new play to be produced by him the following season.

This story belongs in the same class as a somewhat more elaborate one. Stetson once took possession of a new theater and discovered in the lobby a picture that did not meet his artistic taste. "Take that picture down," he said.

"But, Mr. Stetson," somebody remonstrated, "that picture was painted by Michael Angelo."

"Michael who?" said Stetson.

"Michael Angelo."

"Well, take it down," said Stetson, "and discharge Angelo. I won't have any of these foreign scene painters around my theater; I'm going to employ Americans."

This so amused those who heard it that they at once told the incident to friends of Stetson and themselves, and among them was Jack Haverly, the famous negro minstrel manager. Haverly did not laugh when he heard it, but simply looked puzzled. He thought for a few moments, and then a faint smile came into his face, and he said, "Oh, yes, I see; there ain't no such person as Michael Angelo!"

This answer was thought good enough to take back to Stetson, who, it was assumed, must have taken pains in the meantime to inform himself of the history of art sufficiently to understand it. "What do you think, Stetson?" said his friend. "We have told Jack Haverly what you said about Michael Angelo, and he said, 'Oh, I see; there ain't no such person as Michael Angelo!'"

Stetson looked blank in his turn for a moment and then received his own little illumination as to the humor of the thing. "Why, the ignorant old fool," he said; "of course he ought to have said, 'There isn't any such person as Michael Angelo.'"

This story again recalls another with a similar touch in it. The conversation once turned on a clever passage in W. J. Florence's old play, "The Mighty Dollar," in which Bardwell Sloat exposes his ignorance by referring to a hackman whom he had encountered in Venice. "Yes," said Stetson, "that is clever; of course they don't have hacks in Venice; it's such a slow place they don't have anything but omnibuses and mule carts." This fable found its way into print again only a few weeks before Mr. Stetson's death.

"What do you think of So-and-so?" Stetson asked of a friend, naming one of the actors of his company. He meant to ask what his friend thought of the way the actor was playing the part in which he was then engaged, but the friend supposed that he meant to ask what manner of man he thought him. So he answered, "He's well enough, only he seems to me to be a little too pedantic."

This struck Stetson as a good word, and he stored it up in his memory for future use. A few days later, when he met the actor, he said, "I was in front watching you last night and thought you didn't play that part quite as pedantic as you usually do."

Sometimes Mr. Stetson's expressions amounted to epigrams. It will be remembered that when Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers" was first done in this country at the New Park theater, now the Herald Square, it was a dreadful failure. It was clearly and obviously so to anybody who saw any considerable part of it, even if he were ordinarily a bad judge of such things, and Stetson was not a bad judge. He had secured the rights to the opera for New England, and he had paid a good deal of money for them. He went to the New Park on the first night to see and hear what his property looked and sounded like. After the first act he strode out into the lobby and somebody heard him mutter: "'Gondoliers?' 'Gondoliers?' H'm! Gone dollars!"—New York Tribune.

The Education Controversy.

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Teacher—Why?

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Mr. Meek—Eh? Protest?

Sharp Dame—Yes, sir. I knew that if I did not consent she would disgrace the family by an elopement. When she wants anything, we all have to give in to her or take the consequences, and long experience has taught me that I might as well try to fan off a cyclone as reason with her when she gets mad, especially if there is a flatiron or a rolling pin handy, and so I just give right up at once. Has the wedding day been set yet, Mr. Meek?"

Mr. Meek—Um—er—not yet, and, in fact, madam, I'm—I'm a little afraid I can't afford to marry very soon anyhow. Goo-good day.—New York Weekly.

Her Varying Value.

Mrs. Ferguson—George, if I should cease to care for you and fall in love with some handsomer man, what would you do?

Mr. Ferguson (with some fierceness)—I'd sue the scoundrel for $100,000!

Mrs. Ferguson (applying the corner of a handkerchief to her eye)—And yet when I told you the other day how dearly I'd love you if you would only buy me that $13.99 vase at Spotcash & Co.'s you only said, "H'mph!"—Chicago Tribune.

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Shoulders ℘ ℔	6	@	7⅞
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℘ ℔		@	5¼
Shoulders ℘ ℔		@	5⅛
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℘ ℔		@	23
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℘ M	6 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℘ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
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Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℘ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℘ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℘ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℘ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℘ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℘ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℘ dozen	15	@	16
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℘ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℘ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
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Straight		@	5 00
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GLUE—℘ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store	33½	@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES, ℘ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℘ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℘ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℘ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℘ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℘ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℘ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	26
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	25
" in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ℘ keg. Cut. 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℘ barrel—			
City Mess	9 25	@	9 50
Rump		@	9 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℘ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℘ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℘ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℘ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5⅛
White Ex. C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4⅝
C. Yellow		@	3⅞
SOAP, ℘ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℘ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℘ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
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Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
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Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
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" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℘ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℘ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℘ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 31 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 30½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet; $1 40 per barrel for Hard, $1.90 for Dip and 1 90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm, 24½, 23½c; rosin firm, $1 45, 1 50; tar quiet, $1 00. crude turpentine dull, $1 40, 1 90, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	50
Rosin	366
Tar	243
Crude Turpentine	38

Receipts same day last year—64 casks spirits turpentine, 574 bbls rosin, 154 bbls tar, 22 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5 7-16c b for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3	cts ℘ ℔
Good Ordinary	4 5-16	" "
Low Middling	5	" "
Middling	5 7-16	" "
Good Middling	5 11-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 6 9 16c.

Receipts—764 bales; same day last year, 282.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1 00@1 05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2 25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch; $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—Evening.—Money on call was stiff at 2@4 per cent., last loan at 2½, and closed offered at 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484⅜@484½ for demand; 481½@481⅝ for sixty days. Posted rates 482½@483 and 485½@486. Commercial bills 480⅜. Silver certificates 56½@57⅜. Bar silver 56⅝. Mexican dollars 46. Government bonds were weak; new fours, registered, 127⅜; new fours, coupon, 127⅜; fours, registered, 112½; fours, coupon, 114½; twos, registered, 99½; fives, registered 114; fives, coupon, 114. State bonds were dull; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady at 33½@34c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 29.—Spirits turpentine firm; 30c; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 29.—Spirits turpentine closed firm at 30⅜, sales 900 casks; receipts 675 casks. Rosin firm; sales 4 270 barrels; receipts 5 020 barrels; A B C, D $1 20. E, F $1 25, G $1 35. H $1 50@1 60. I $1 70, K $1 85. M $2 00, N $2 25. W G $2 50. W W $3 00

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The cotton market opened quiet but firm at a net advance of 2 to 4 points and subsequently ruled tolerably active without further general improvement in prices. The early improvement was the result of liberal spot sales (12 000 bales) at Liverpool for "Christmas week," small port and interior receipts generally firm advices from Southern spot markets, indications of a broadening demand from exporters at full prices and accounts from Fall River and other spinning localities of New England, indicating acquiescence in the recent reduction in wages and a growing belief that New England spinners and their natural advantages of location making it probable that there will be no strike attempted this Winter. In the afternoon the market was somewhat depressed by indications of a broadening movement of cotton to-morrow, New Orleans being estimated at 15,000 to 17 000 bales. The market was finally steady in tone at a net advance of 3 to 4 points.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 5 15 16c.

Cotton futures closed steady, with sales of 169 700 bales; January 5 75, February 5 78 March 5 82, April 5 86, May 5 91, June 5 96, July 6 00 August 6 04 September 6 03, October 6 04, November —, December 5 74.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 5 15-16c; middling gulf 6 3 16c; sales 100 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,334 bales; gross 6,579 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,160 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 1,990 bales; sales 100 bales; sales to spinners —— bales; stock (actual) 114 823 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 44,641 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,160 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 10 889 bales; stock 1 203 400 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 291,131 bales; exports to Great Britain 46 086 bales; to France 9,984 bales; to the Continent 50 470 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,401 252 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,718,808 bales; exports to France 494 559 bales; exports to the Continent 1,439,-482 bales.

Dec. 29.—Galveston, steady at 5¾, net receipts 15 468 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 5⅞, net receipts 2,812 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝c, net receipts 300 bales; Boston, quiet at 5 15 16, net receipts 2 547 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅜, net receipts 764 bales; Philadelphia, net receipts 118 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5 3 16, net receipts 2 965 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5⅝c, net receipts 18 448 bales; Mobile, quiet at 5¼, net receipts 3 280 bales; Memphis, steady at 5 5 16, net receipts 3 129 bales; Augusta, firm at 5 9 16, net receipts 865 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5 3 16, net receipts 1,519 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—Evening.—Flour was quiet and steady, closing easy with the final break in wheat. Wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red $1 00⅝; options opened easy under disappointing cables, rallied on covering, fair clearances and the strength in coarse grain markets, but collapsed near the close under heavy liquidation at Chicago, closed ⅜@1⅛c net lower; No. 2 red January closed 98⅛c; May closed 93⅜; December closed $1 01. Corn—spot steady; No. 2 35⅛c f. o. b. afloat; options opened easy with wheat, rallied on good all around buying but reacted finally with wheat, closing ⅛@¼c net lower; January closed 33⅜c; May closed 34⅜c; December closed 33⅜. Oats—spot dull; No. 2 28⅜c; options were fairly active and strong on export demand, closing easy at ⅛c net decline with the late weakness in wheat; May closed 28⅝c; December closed 28⅝c. Lard firmer; Western steam $4 90. Pork dull. Butter steady; Western creamery 15@23c; do. factory 12@15c; Elgins 23c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 15@21c. Cheese steady; large white September 8¼c. Petroleum steady dull. Rice. Molasses quiet. Cotton seed oil steady; prime crude 18@19c; yellow 22c. Coffee—spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; Cordova 8½@15c; mild quiet. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3⅝c; centrifugal 96 test 4⅛c; sales rumored of Demerara to arrive on a basis of 4⅛c for centrifugal; refined strong; No. 12, 4 3-16.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29—Wheat to-day was held up for a time on a buying flurry in oats. In the last half hour the leading brokers of the bull clique in wheat started to sell some May and the crowd emulated and in the end surpassed their efforts in that direction. December wheat was left at a decline of 3¼c and May 1⅛c. Corn declined ⅜c. Oats in the end were left at practically yesterday's closing prices. Provisions ruled strong after a weak opening and made substantial gains in prices.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cash quotations: Flour—the market was quoted firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 87⅝c; No. 3 spring 80@92c; No. 2 red 93@96⅛c. Corn—No. 2, 27@27⅛c. Oats—No 2, 23½@23⅝c; No. 2 white f. o. b 24½c; No 3 white f. o. b 24½@25c. Rye—No 2, 46⅝c. Mess pork per barrel $7 85@7 90. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 62½. Short rib sides, loose, $4 35@4 70c. Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 50@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 70@4 80. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 99 99, 96½ 96⅛c; January 94⅛, 94⅛, 93, 94 May 91½ 94½ @94⅜ 93⅜ 93⅜c Corn—December 27¼, 27⅜, 27⅛@27¼ 27⅛c. January 27¼, 27⅜, 27⅛, 27⅛c; May 31⅛, 31⅛, 30⅜@30⅞, 30⅜@30⅞c. July 31⅛ 31⅛, 30⅜@30⅞, 30⅜@30⅞c. Oats—December 23⅛, 23⅜, 22⅞, 24c; May 23⅜, 24⅛, 23⅜, 23⅜@24c Mess pork, per bbl—January $8 67½, 8 82½, 8 67½, 8 80; May $8 87½, 9 02½, 8 87½, 9 02½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $4 55, 4 65, 4 55, 4 62½; May $4 70, 4 82½, 4 70, 4 77½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $4 35, 4 42½, 4 35 4 40; May $4 50, 4 60, 4 50, 4 55.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat steady; spot, month and January 98⅝@98⅞c; May 95⅛c bid; steamer No. 2 red 93⅝@93⅝c; Southern wheat by sample 93@99⅛c; do on grade 94@99c. Corn steady; spot and month 33⅝@33⅞c; January 33⅛@33⅜c; steamer mixed 31⅝@32c; Southern white corn 29½@35⅞c; yellow 29½@29⅞c. Oats firmer; No. 2 white 29½@30c.

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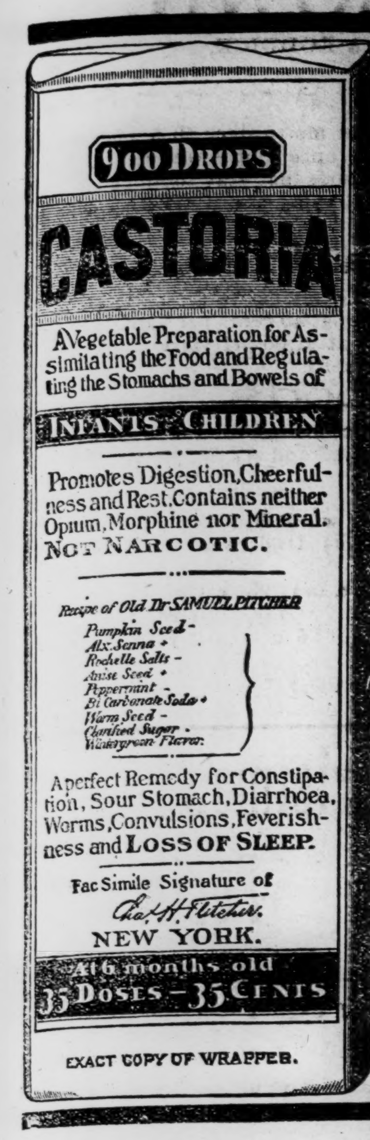

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Their Effects on Different Parts of the Human Eye.

Dr. Brandes of the University of Halle has succeeded in rendering directly visible the X rays discovered by Professor Roentgen. The observation made by Professor Salvioni, an Italian physicist, that lenses are in a very slight degree penetrable by Roentgen's rays, suggested to Dr. Brandes the idea that the invisibility might be due to circumstances connected with this fact. He accordingly resolved to test the effect of Roentgen's rays on lenseless eyes.

There are many people who have had the lenses of their eyes removed as a remedy for extreme shortsightedness or for cataract. A girl who had had this operation performed on both eyes, but in whose right eye a remnant of the lens had been left, allowed the experiment to be tried upon her.

Professor Dorn, whom Dr. Brandes had interested in the investigation, subjected the girl quite unexpectedly to the rays, and, when the strong current passed through the tube, which had been totally darkened, she declared that she saw light with her left eye. Professors Dorn and Brandes at first thought it possible that a spark had leaped across, but, when this had been rendered impossible, the girl continued to declare that she saw light.

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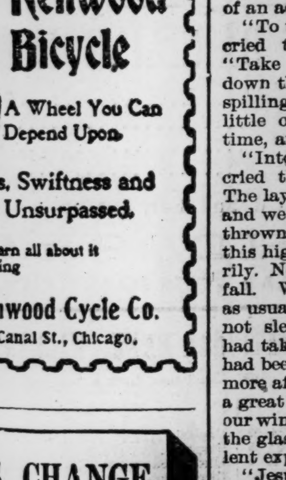

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Oh, the sparkle of the campfire on the sheltered woodland shore,
With the forest for a background and the lake spread out before,
While the frail canoes come tossing home to harbor in the bay
And the star above the sunset marks the passing of the day!

As the summer night grows deeper, how the flame illumes the pines
And its wavering reflection on the starlit water shines!
We have drawn a ring of magic in the wilderness and gloom,
And the darkness looms beyond it like the walls of some vast room.

Gathers now the twilight circle, each bronzed camper in his place,
While the laughter of the firelight meets the laughter on his face,
And we sing the good old ballads and the rolling college glees
Till the owl far up the mountain hoots defiance in the trees.

Then the story and the laughter pass the merry circle round,
And the intervening silence thrills with many a woodland sound—
Now the weird and ghostly challenge of the solitary loon,
Now the whistle of a plover journeying southward 'neath the moon.

Ah, the charm that hangs forever round the campfire's ruddy glow
For the sage and for the savage, for the high and for the low!
There is something grand and godlike being roofed with stars and skies
And lulled solemnly to slumber by primeval lullabies.

—James Buckham in Youth's Companion.

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Renee L—— to Blanche S——:

ANGERS, May 15, 1871.

Here we are, my dear Blanche, comfortably established in a country house near Angers belonging to Mere Ste. Ursule's brother-in-law, and have been here for the past week. But I am still so bewildered by all that has happened that I feel as if awakening from a dream. As you know, I remained at the convent at Neuilly with my little sister Lili and six other boarders, orphans like ourselves, or whose parents, living in foreign parts, could not come to take them away. There were in all four little and four large girls. At first all went smoothly—no more lessons or tasks; only a short recitation in the afternoon for fun. We spent the day in the park, playing or reading amusing books. But the mothers looked sad and worried, and to be sure our quiet did not last long.

Although you have been a year in society, you have not, I am sure, forgotten one of the oddest customs at the dear old convent.

Every little while, you remember, during recreation one of the mothers crossed the court and sounded her clapper.

This was a signal to stop our play and remain silent while the mother repeated a verse or two of the gospel or the "Imitation."

Then the clapper sounded again and recreation was resumed. This was to remind us that we have souls to save and that our games of croquet or ball must not make us forget it.

Well, one day—the 25th of March, I remember—we were about to play hide and seek, when Mere Ste. Angele came out with her clapper. Clack, clack! Everybody stood still. The mother began, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world"—

Boum, boum! It was a shell, my dear, thrown by the commune. It burst in a tree not ten feet away. Mere Ste. Angele had not the courage to finish her sentence. The clapper fell from her hand. The little ones began to cry. I took Lili in my arms and we ran to the study room. The rest of the day and the night passed without incident, and we began to quiet down, but when we were in the refectory and the soup had just been served:

Boum, boum! A shell burst on the roof of an adjoining house.

"To the cellars, children, quick, quick," cried the superior, Mere Ste. Ursule. "Take your plates and napkins!" And down the stairs we rushed, plate in hand, spilling half our soup on the steps. The little ones thought it very amusing this time, and Lili was delighted.

"Into the coal cellar—that is safest!" cried the mother superior from above. The lay sisters spread sheets on the ground, and we seated ourselves on sticks of wood thrown down here and there and finished this highly dramatic breakfast right merrily. Not the least sign of a shell till nightfall. We went to bed in the dormitory, as usual; but, as you may suppose, we did not sleep much, excepting Lili, whom I had taken into my little bed. The lights had been extinguished, and we were much more afraid in the dark. About 10 o'clock a great blaze of light suddenly illumined our windows. Almost at the same moment the glass was shivered to atoms by a violent explosion.

"Jesus—Maria!" cried Mere Ste. Ursule, whose bed was near ours. "Quick, to the parlor, children!" A new procession was formed, more melancholy than that of the morning. The lay sisters followed, carrying our mattresses, while we dragged our sheets and coverlids along by the light of the dim lantern.

I carried Lili, for in all this noise and confusion she had wakened only a moment and had fallen asleep again at once. We arranged our beds in the great parlor and lay down as we were told to do.

But further explosions were heard near by.

"To the cellars, to the cellars!" cried the superior again. "You will be safer there. Be good little girls and pray to God!"

We staid there a fortnight. The noise of firing was almost continuous. We saw through the loopholes the beautiful trees in our park shattered by shells. We read, we played games, even blind man's buff and hide and seek, for there were good hiding places behind the piles of wood and rubbish, only, unfortunately, we knew them all in a few days. The little ones grew very weary, and the big girls cried now and then. I controlled myself not to alarm little Lili. Sometimes between noon and 2 o'clock there was a little lull, and we stole cautiously out and picked up pieces of exploded shells in the garden.

The time was very long. Fat Mere Ste. Felicite—you remember her, she who went through the Crimean war—could not bear the stifling air of the cellar and said quite seriously to the mother superior, "Pray, mother, let me go out; I will take an umbrella." We had been four or five days in hiding, when a company of Versailles soldiers took possession of the convent. The captain paid us a visit to encourage us, as he said, but partly, I fancy, to gratify his curiosity. He was very nice indeed, this captain, and quite aristocratic looking. Not very good looking, perhaps, but with a slender, graceful figure and an air of goodness, frankness and energy. They called him Captain d'Orsanne. It was easy to see that he was of noble birth, still very young and wearing a medal for bravery during the war. He staid a full hour with us, talked cheerfully, gave Mere Ste. Felicite news of an old general whom she had known in the Crimea and found out that Mere Ste. Ursule was sister to one of his comrades at St. Cyr.

He was charming and petted Lili till he quite won her heart. The next day he sent us fresh meat and vegetables—we had nothing left but dried provisions. He came to see us every day, often bringing bonbons and dainties to the little ones, always giving Lili the lion's share.

On Easter day our good chaplain, Abbe Jusselin, whom we saw now and then, told us that he would hear our confessions as usual.

Captain d'Orsanne had told us that very morning that a sortie of the communists was expected and that his company would probably fight that day. He added that we had nothing to fear, but you may imagine our feelings.

Abbe Jusselin heard our confessions in a corner of the coal cellar. The big girls—especially Bertha Malvan, who always wore her handsome cousin's picture in a locket; you remember her—sobbed bitterly and thought their last hour had come. Lili, who is 6, made her first confession that day. I can't imagine what she told Abbe Jusselin, but she would do what big sister did.

Confession over, Abbe Jusselin gave us a very solemn general absolution, as in time of great danger, and exhorted us to make the sacrifice of our lives to God. "Bah," I heard Mere Ste. Felicite mutter, "he should not talk so to children." Then he administered communion, still in the cellar where the Holy Sacrament had been brought several days before. It was very impressive, I can tell you, and we felt like the early Christians in the catacombs.

That evening Captain d'Orsanne came back with his company. They were victorious, of course (I will confess to you that I had made special prayers for the captain), but they brought back several wounded.

One of the cellars was cleared out for their reception, and the nuns took care of them. I wanted to help nurse them, but the superior would not let me. I complained to the captain, and he told me smilingly that my duty was to stay with my little sister. But we could not stay in the cellar forever. The captain said that the war would certainly last a month longer, so we must decide what to do. The 8th of May the superior told us that we were going to Angers, where her brother-in-law, a wealthy manufacturer, had offered us his protection and a shelter. We each took a little bundle of clothes, and, in order to carry as much as possible, wore two pairs of stockings, two chemises and two or three petticoats. The nuns, by way of precaution, put on ordinary dresses and hats, instead of their habits and veils. Such dresses, my dear, and such hats! Mere Ste. Felicite had unearthed them from heaven knows where, and the poor mothers looked like frights, excepting poor little Mere Ste. Agatha, who is so pretty that she looked quite a fine lady.

We left the convent at nightfall by the little gate at the end of the park, and Captain d'Orsanne accompanied us to the last outpost. On the bridge over the Seine a puff of wind carried away Mere Ste. Ursule's bonnet, and we all laughed a little, but just as the captain was about to leave us a shell hissed over our heads and made us serious enough again. The captain bade us farewell, and Mere Ste. Ursule thanked him warmly for his kindness to us. He asked leave to shake hands with her, then with me and with Mere Ste. Felicite, and he kissed Lili several times.

My heart was full at the thought that I should probably never again see this poor captain, who had been so good to us.

We soon reached Courbevoie, where two carts were waiting for us, and at 10 o'clock we reached Versailles, where we took the train for Angers. And, now, that is all.

We should be very contented here at any other time, but everything that happens is so sad. Write to me soon, dearest. I embrace you fondly. Yours, RENEE.

Fragment of a letter from Captain d'Orsanne to Jean L——:

NEUILLY, VISITATION CONVENT, May 15, 1871.

Just fancy, my dear fellow, I have been here a fortnight with my company in a convent full of nuns. We found here, besides the sisters, half a dozen boarders hidden in the cellars, for shells were falling about like hail. These sisters were regular trumps, not much scared, and I lived on the best of terms with them for about ten days. One old sister knew our former chief in the Crimea.

But the pluckiest of all, the prettiest, the merriest, was a little boarder about 16 or 17, I suppose, named Renee. She had a little sister, 5 or 6, to whom she made an adorable little mother.

I escorted the party to Courbevoie the other day, for they could not stay any longer in the cellars. As I left them a shell whistled past our ears. Mlle. Renee lifted her little sister and put her in my arms without a word, but with such a confiding air and such pretty, appealing eyes that I was quite overcome. I shall probably never see the little girl again and only mention the pretty apparition en passant. Yours, JACQUES.

Fragment of a letter from Renee L—— to Blanche S——:

PARIS, Sept. 21, 1874.

Last Sunday my guardian and I went to dine with Mme. de Lys, an old friend of poor mamma's. Mme. de Lys said to me, "You are going to meet a charming man, Commandant d'Orsanne," and just then in he came, not changed in the least, not a bit older. I knew him at once. He looked rather embarrassed, as if he thought he knew me, but was not quite sure. Then I began to laugh like a little goose, and he said without preamble, "Well, Mlle. Renee, how is little Lili and Mere Ste. Ursule and Mere Ste. Felicite?"

Mme. de Lys and my guardian did not understand it at all and looked at us in amazement. In short, we met like two old friends, the commandant and I—for he is a commandant at 35, my dear.

To be sure, he is not a count or a marquis, as I fancied, but that makes no difference. RENEE.

Fragment of a letter from Commandant d'Orsanne to Jean L——:

PARIS, Sept. 21, 1874.

Guess whom I met the other day at your Aunt de Lys'. My little convent girl of the commune. Do you remember? She is 20 now and perfectly charming. We renewed our campaign experiences. JACQUES.

PARIS, Nov. 15, 1874.

M. P—— has the honor to announce the marriage of Mlle. Renee L——, his ward, to M. Jacques d'Orsanne, chief of battalion of the Thirty-first line and chevalier of the Legion of Honor.—From the French For Short Stories.

Through Savage Eyes.

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She Had Scruples.

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When Holmes Was In London.

I had to give more than $2 for a pit ticket and had hardly room to stand up, almost crowded to death. The Duchess of Kent and the Princess Victoria—a girl of 15 and heir to the throne—came in first on the side opposite the king's box. The audience applauded somewhat—not ferociously. The princess is a nice fresh looking girl, blond and rather pretty. The king looks like a retired butcher. The queen is much such a person in aspect as the wife of the late William Frost of Cambridge, an exemplary milkman, now probably immortal on a slab of slatestone as a father, a husband and a brother. The king blew his nose twice and wiped the royal perspiration repeatedly from a face which is probably the largest uncivilized spot in England. * * * I have a disposition to tartness and levity which tells to the disadvantage of the royal living and the plebeian defunct, but it is accidental and must be forgiven.—"Life and Letters of Oliver Wendell Holmes."

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NORTH BOUND.	No. 1. DAILY
Leave Wilmington	9 10 a m
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 p m
Leave Fayetteville	12 22 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 27 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1. DAILY.
Leave Mt Airy	8 40 a m
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 15 p m
Leave Climax	12 48 "
Leave Sanford	2 33 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 a m
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 p m
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed. Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 a m
Leave Climax	8 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 35 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

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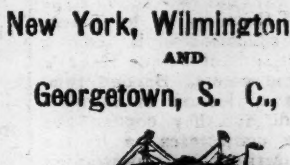

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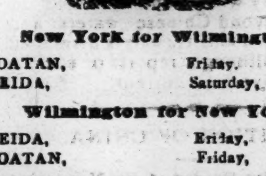

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DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11 03 a m, Warsaw 11.15 a m, Goldsboro 12 05 a m, Wilson 12.56 p m, Rocky Mount 1.41 p m, Tarboro 2.45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.23 p m, Richmond 7.15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.39 p m, Baltimore 1.06 a m, Philadelphia 3.50 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.42 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.14 a m, Richmond 4.00 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.08 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 2 25 p m — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4 13 p m, Newbern 5 40 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.41 p m, Marion 6.43 p m, Florence 7.25 p m, Sumter 9.10 p m, Columbia 10.30 p m, Denmark 6.12 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12 55 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 50 a m, Jacksonville 7.50 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.25 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.52 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2 37 p m, Goldsboro 3.29 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 24 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 15 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 00 a m, Jacksonville 10 26 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 a m, Sanford 3 27 p m, Jacksonville 7 40 p m, Savannah 1 45 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.25 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10.05 a m, Marion 10 41 a m, Chadbourn 11 43 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4 30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11.33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 15 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 10 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.17 a m, arrive Latta 10.35 a m, Dillon 10 47 a m, Rowland 11 02 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 01 p m, arrives Dillon 6.38 p m, Latta 6.46 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 27 p m, Manning 6 58 p m, arrive Lane's 6 47 p m, leave Lanes 8 23 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 8 40 p m, Hartsville 9 35 p m, Bennettsville 9 35 p m, Gibson 10 00 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m. Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 35 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2 20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m, Smithfield 3.28 p m, Dunn 4 00 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.13 p m, returning leave Rowland 10 05 a m, Fayetteville 12.22 a m, 10.15 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.48 p m, Selma 1.53 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12.09 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 29 a m, Creston 5 17 a m, arrive Denmark 6 12 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 25 p m, Creston 5 30 p m, Sumter 6 25 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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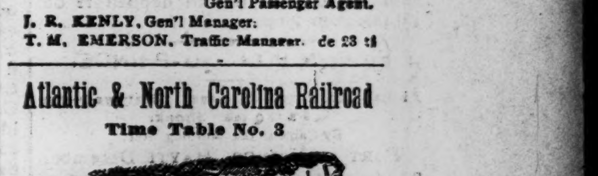

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Trains — Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Trains — Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 01	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 30, 1897

CORBETT CHALLENGES FITZ.

Dan Stuart Proposes a Ring Contest Next Summer to Take Place in the State of Nevada.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, December 29.—James J. Corbett, who is spending the holiday week here, is to night writing a challenge to Fitzsimmons. Corbett says when Fitzsimmons announced his retirement, he did not feel at liberty to challenge him. Now that Fitzsimmons has announced that he is still in the ring, the challenge will be prepared within a day or two.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Dan Stuart, who managed the Fitzsimmons-Maher fight and Fitzsimmons-Corbett bouts, said to day that he would leave for the West next week and hoped that he would secure the signatures of both Fitzsimmons and Corbett to articles of agreement for a ring contest, which he proposes to bring off next Summer, probably in the State of Nevada. He said that as matters stand now he does not anticipate any trouble in getting Corbett to sign, and he is equally hopeful of gaining the consent of Fitzsimmons.

Just what the amount of the purse which he would offer would be, Mr. Stuart refused to say. Mr. Stuart would like to have the contest take place not earlier than next July, and said that he would like to arrange a meeting between Kid McCoy and Choynski or some other good middle-weight, to take place in the same week as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout. If he can make arrangements for both contests, Stuart said he would offer excellent inducements for the winners of both these bouts to meet six months later, so that in the event of McCoy and Fitzsimmons winning they could settle their differences within 1898.

NEW YORK, December 29.—William A. Brady, manager of Corbett, to-night sent to the Associated Press the following challenge to Robert Fitzsimmons, champion pugilist of the world:

"James J. Corbett, dissatisfied with the result of his late contest with you at Carson City, and not believing that you are his superior either as a boxer or fighter, and being of the opinion that the majority of the American public shares his belief that he can defeat you if ever you are man enough to grant him a return battle on equal conditions, has deposited to-day $2 500 as a first deposit to bind a match for $10 000 a side, the person or persons offering the largest inducements to have the management of the contest. As you have said to-day that your wife has withdrawn her objections to you again entering the ring, there is no reason why the arrangement should not be speedily consummated; for you in my presence at Carson City gave Corbett your word of honor that if you ever entered the ring again you would give him first chance. It is useless for you to attempt to deceive the public and try to boom your private interests by attempting to force Corbett to meet some second or third rate boxer before he shall be entitled to your notice. He will not agree to meet Maher, Sharkey or any one else. He claims the chance that he gave you—the right to win back the title of champion. He clearly proved himself in your class on March 17th last and it was only by the greatest kind of fluke that you are now titled champion, and I do not believe that you will ever forget until your dying day the beating that he gave you then, and if ever he secures the opportunity to again face you in a twenty-four feet ring I will guarantee that he will prove conclusively and beyond a question of a doubt whether or not he is in your class.

[Signed] "WILLIAM A. BRADY."

A GEORGIA BANK FAILS.

The Merchants' and Traders' at Brunswick Closes Its Doors.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 29.—A special to the Journal, from Brunswick, Ga., says: The Merchants' and Traders' Bank of this city failed to open its doors this morning. The capital stock of the bank is $100,000 Some months ago there was a plan to put the bank in the hands of a receiver and ever since the depositors have been withdrawing and the bank has been losing outside business so much an extent that they finally determined to close and let the liquidation proceed in the court. A majority of the stockholders are solvent and the depositors will be paid in full if the court expenses do not consume all the cash realized. Dr. J. M. Maddox is president and Mr. A. H Lane vice president of the bank. A proposition has been made by the directors to raise sufficient cash to pay all depositors on liquidation.

FIRE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE.

Eight Hundred Houses Destroyed—An Earthquake Shock.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PORT AU-PRINCE, HAYTI, December 29.—At 11 o'clock last night a fire, which assumed considerable proportions on account of lack of water to supply the pumps, destroyed eight hundred houses, including a number of warehouses, a hotel, the Church of St. Joseph and its parsonage. About three thousand people were rendered homeless.

This morning, at 6:40 o'clock, there was an earthquake, the disturbances running from north to south. There were no fatalities.

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

The Fleet Will Be Ready to Sail South Before January Fifteenth.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The last touches in the repairs of the ships of the North Atlantic squadron are being applied at the Brooklyn navy yard and the fleet will be able to sail for the South before January 15th. It was stated to day that the battleship Iowa might get away this week. The Massachusetts and Texas will be ready to go some time next week or early in the second week in January. There is some uncertainty about the Brooklyn.

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EVENTS IN THE EAST.

THE ABSORBING TOPIC IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AT WASHINGTON.

No Further Talk of the United States Being a Factor in the Contest—The Views of Chinese and Japanese Diplomats.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—The rapid movement of events in the far East continues to be an absorbing topic in diplomatic circles here, particularly at the embassies and legations of the Powers which are aligning for an apparent struggle for Chinese territory. There is no further talk of the United States as a possible factor in the contest, as the recent understanding at a cabinet meeting is accepted as removing this Government from the field of controversy. At the same time an eminent authority on international affairs said to-day that a situation might develop when the United States would be called upon to go much further than protect American interests at the treaty ports of China. This situation would come, he said, if the scramble for Chinese territory went to the extent of extinction of China and the complete absorption of the old empire by foreign nations. Such was the apparent drift of the present movement, he said, and if it became a reality, then a condition would arise similar to the extermination of Poland. Poland had established a precedent in international affairs, he said, and following that precedent, if China was to be absorbed, then it was a question which the United States in common with all the nations of the world must take cognizance of. Until this final movement occurred, however, it was plain that the United States had no interest in the fencing of European nations and Japan for coaling stations and ports on the Asiatic coast.

In the meantime, however, the diplomats are much concerned in the movements of their respective governments. A leading Japanese diplomat said to-day:

"I do not look at the question as involving the partition of China, and no event has occurred thus far to indicate that China is about to be divided among the Powers.

"The only tangible fact is that Germany has occupied Kiao-Chou bay and Russia has a fleet at Port Arthur. But Germany's action was taken to collect an indemnity for an indignity to German missionaries, just as she enforced indemnity from Hayti. Beyond this, Germany may seek to establish a naval station at Kiao-Chou and thus have a naval base of operations on the Pacific. But that does not involve the taking of any considerable portion of Chinese territory, and it is yet to be shown that Germany will take more than a coast port and such land immediately adjacent as to give the port proper facilities. If it comes to taking territory, the course of China must not be overlooked. While China is weak from a military and naval standpoint, yet she has an enormous number of men ready to take the field, while the entire force of Germans at Kiao-Chou cannot exceed a few thousand men. Even a weak nation is strong in defending its own territory.

"There are reports that Japan would aid China in an extremity, but there is nothing in that. Japan doubtless will act alone if there is any reason for acting at all. Thus far, however, I know of no steps that Japan has taken or contemplates toward taking part in the controversy. My impression is that she will remain an independent and neutral observer. Her position will be much stronger by such a policy than it would be by an alliance at the outset. As an observer, if she sees that the partition of China is at hand, doubtless she would have some part to take; but, for the present, there is no evidence that such an emergency is near."

A Chinese diplomat said: "The alleged official statements coming from the Chinese legation have been unwarranted, as the legation has not received a word from Pekin since the first notice was sent that a German force had landed at Kaio Chou, without previous notice to the Chinese government. It is felt, however, that many of the reports as to the seriousness of the situation, particularly those from Shanghai, are overdrawn. Judging from the press dispatches there appears to be little doubt that the original purpose of Germany to enforce an indemnity has now developed into securing a naval station at Kaio Chou and possibly more territory on the ground that Germany is entitled to a return for her services during the China-Japan war. But it appears to be overlooked that Germany has received distinct returns for those services in the granting of large concessions which, at the time of the grant, were considered as most valuable to Germany."

The German officials here take the view that there are but two active steps on the part of Germany to be taken, namely: The occupation of Kaio-Chou bay and the dispatch of Prince Henry's fleet to Chinese waters. Beyond this, they say, all is conjecture as to what Germany will do, and they convey the idea that these conjectures as to the absorption of territory are unwarranted by any of the actual circumstances which have thus far developed. That Prince Henry will extend his field of operations beyond Chinese waters and embrace Samoa and Hawaii is dismissed as absurd, although reports of such a movement have been current.

PARTITION OF CHINA.

The French Flag Hoisted on Hai Nan Island Without Opposition.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SHANGHAI, December 29.—It is reported here that the admiral of the French fleet has hoisted the French flag on Hai-Nan island, which is between the China sea and the Gulf of Tonquin. The Chinese offered no opposition.

LONDON, December 29.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Singapore confirms the report of the seizure of Hai-Nan island by the French.

Hai-Nan island is off the south coast of China, and separates the gulf of Tonquin from the China sea. It has an estimated area of 13 000 square miles and a population of a million Chinese, exclusive of wild tribes in the interior. Some of the mountains in the center rise above the snow line. It has several large rivers. The coasts are generally rocky, but the west coast is low and the south coast has some good harbors. Timber is a principal product. This is sent to Annam, Siam and Singapore. Other exports are rice, sugar, pearls, salt and a little gold and silver. Its capital is Kiong Choo, a populous city on its west coast.

BERLIN, December 30.—The Tagliche Rundschau, on what it alleges to be the "best authority in London," declares that Russia and China have been negotiating for many months; that China consented last October to a temporary Russian occupation of Port Arthur, and that England, hearing of this, demanded a cession of the islands at Hong Hong, a strip of coast opposite Kow-Loon, and the mouth of the river Canton; but knowing that France also wanted compensation, England suggested that she would take Hai-Nan island.

LONDON, December 29.—A dispatch from Pekin says: "The proposed arrangement for a Russian guaranteed 4 per cent. loan of 100 000 000 taels is not yet ratified. The situation is disastrous, and the only hope is that England will render financial help, as otherwise war is the only alternative."

THE OHIO SENATORSHIP.

Anti-Hanna Republicans Will Test Their Strength in the Organization of the Legislature—Kurtz Maintains That Hanna Will Be Defeated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O., December 29.—There was an influx of legislators to-night, and the scenes about the hotel lobbies indicated that the Senatorial election is the absorbing question, although the scramble for place in the organization of the House and Senate is livelier than for several sessions.

That the anti-Hanna Republicans, led by Charles Kurtz, will test the strength of their forces in the organization of the Legislature was indicated by the unofficial announcement that Representative Mason, of Cleveland, would oppose Representative Boxwell, of Warren county, for Speaker. Mr. Mason, accompanied by Representative Bromley, of Cleveland, both of whom are well known to be unfriendly to Senator Hanna, opened headquarters at the great Southern hotel to-day, and it was generally understood that the anti-Hanna men would conduct their campaign from that place. On the question of his candidacy for the Speakership Representative Mason is non committal. It is significant that the Democratic State headquarters are located in the same hotel.

Allen O. Myers is the apparent leader of the Democrats in the proposed fusion with the anti-Hanna Republicans. Mr. Myers has given out that the Democratic members of the House will support Representative Mason for speaker, and C. H. Garrish, of Columbus, one of Mr. Kurtz's lieutenants, for clerk of the House, in opposition to John Malloy. The anti-Hanna Republicans, it is generally understood, are to turn all the other offices of the House over to the Democrats in consideration of the election of the men chosen by Mr. Kurtz for speaker and clerk.

A conference of Democratic members of the Legislature and party leaders is to be held here Friday to discuss the proposed fusion with the anti-Hanna Republicans. Within the last few days strong opposition has arisen from certain Democrats to the proposed fusion, and it is now certain that all the Democratic members cannot be whipped into line. Several Democratic members who arrived in the city to-night stated emphatically that they would not vote for any one except a Democrat for United States Senator. These members will serve their first term, and say that if they voted for any Republican to defeat Senator Hanna they would not be returned.

There was a conference of Republican leaders at Major Dick's rooms in the Neil this afternoon and to-night, but it was stated they were merely talking over the situation. Major Dick stated that Senator Hanna's re-election was assured.

It was significant that Representative Snider, of Green county, who was formerly counted as an anti-Hanna man, was conspicuous at Major Dick's headquarters and working in Senator Hanna's interests. Several Republican members were claimed by Mr. Kurtz's lieutenants as opposed to Senator Hanna, but on being pressed admitted they intended to vote for him. While Mr. Kurtz denies himself to all public interviews he still asserts to his confidential friends that Senator Hanna will be defeated.

THE SPANISH CABINET.

Reply to Criticisms of the Government's Inaction—The New French Ambassador Received with Great Ceremony by the Queen Regent.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, December 29.—In regard to criticisms of the government's inaction, it is pointed out in ministerial circles that the Spanish cabinet has invariably protested against "the attempts of the United States to intervene in Cuba;" that President McKinley's message, "however incorrect, did not adopt the commandatory tone of President Cleveland's; that the weakness of Senor Canovas in yielding to the demands of the United States in the Competitor, Allianca and Mora affairs, increased the difficulties of Senor Sagasta in combating similar demands," and that anyhow, a return to the policy of Senor Canovas, who, it is alleged, sent 200,000 troops to Cuba and expended two milliards without result, is impossible.

The Queen-Regent to-day received M. Jules Patenotre, the new French Ambassador to Spain with great ceremony, seated on the throne and surrounded by the members of the cabinet and the dignitaries of her court. The palace guard rendered military honors.

M. Patenotre, when presenting his credentials, read an address enlarging upon the sympathy between the two countries and upon the good wishes of President Faure for the happiness of the royal family and the greatness of Spain. The Queen Regent replied in a similar strain.

A WALL STREET SWINDLER.

Henry Oliver Goldsmith—Got Away With About Half a Million Dollars.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 29.—A warrant is out for the arrest of Henry Oliver Goldsmith, one of the best known men of Wall street. The specific charge against him is grand larceny in the first degree for appropriating a check for $8,000, the property of Oscar E. A. Wiessner of Brooklyn.

The officials of the district attorney's office allege that Goldsmith has managed to get away with something like half a million dollars by operations similar to those which brought the E. S. Dean Company before the public.

Goldsmith was indicted by the grand jury on Tuesday last. Detectives have followed clues all over New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Boston and other places, but so far Goldsmith has eluded them.

Goldsmith and a man named Webster operated under the firm name of Hoyt & Company. Geo. Hazelwelde and William A. Mitchell, who were their brokers, were arrested three weeks ago, for their part in the operations, but the charges against them have not been tried. They were dropped from membership in the Stock Exchange. They say Goldsmith's victims are numbered by the thousands.

BLANCO ISSUES A DECREE.

The Lines Upon Which a Home Rule Government for Cuba is to be Established.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 29.—Captain General Blanco has issued a decree announcing the lines upon which the home rule government is established. The Governor General and executive assume charge of foreign affairs, war and the navy and, with five autonomical secretaries of supreme justice and the interior, finance, public instruction, public works, posts and telegraphs, and agriculture and commerce, with the president of this council, constituting the responsible government. The new officials will take the oath of office at 9 a. m., on January 1st, and will immediately assume charge of their offices.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

RAILWAY COMMISSION.

RESOLVE TO ENFORCE THE ACT PROHIBITING FREE PASSES.

Further Time to Answer Refused the Western Union Telegraph Company—Other Raleigh News—The Executive Office Reopened—Convention of Academies in Session.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 29.

The Executive office was reopened to-day for the first time since Christmas. Private Secretary Alexander has been in the Eastern part of the State.

The University Dramatic Club will present "London Assurance" here January 6th, for the benefit of Rex Hospital.

Dr. Abbott arrived this morning from Washington, D. C. The Railway Commission convenes at noon. No important business, other than organization will be transacted to day.

Both Messrs. Caldwell and Pearson are known to favor a reduction of freight and passenger rates on the railroads. Just what views the two gentlemen hold they decline to give out at this time. Mr. Pearson said yesterday he would be governed by information presented to him and do what was best for the people of North Carolina and the railways alike.

Secretary of State Thompson says he believes the proposed Federal insurance bill is intended to wipe out the small insurance companies. Nearly all the large insurance companies in the State favor the bill.

The Convention of Academies is having an interesting session here. There are about twenty five members in attendance. The sessions have been consumed so far in the reading of prepared papers on topical subjects. The association will continue in session throughout the day.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Railway Commission to-day adopted a resolution agreeing to enforce the commission act prohibiting the use of free passes. The commissioners returned passes sent them by a certain railroad, the name of which they refused to give.

The commission refuses to grant the Western Union Telegraph Company any further time for an answer in its case.

MERRY MAXTON.

Banquet Given by the A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 417—Many Guests Were Present.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

MAXTON, N. C., December 29.—The banquet given by the A. F. & A. M Lodge No. 417, of this city, in their hall to-night, was largely attended and duly appreciated by the many guests present. The oysters, served in all styles, as well as other delicacies comprising the bill of fare, were promptly disposed of and the adieus said in clouds of smoke arising from the fragrant cigars which completed the list. Success to the A. F. & A. M. and the Maxton boys.

TRUCKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Large Quantities of Strawberries and Vegetables Will be Raised Along the C. F. Y. V. Railroad this Season

[*Star Correspondence.*]

CURRIE, N. C., Dec. 29.

Your correspondent notes with pleasure the great increase that is being made in truck and strawberry culture along the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad from Wilmington west. For several stations above Wilmington numbers of fields of strawberries are being planted and truck, such as beans, peas potatoes, lettuce, &c., will also be shipped in large quantities this season. The soil along this line is well adapted to the growth of these profitable crops, and the enterprising men around Currie and other stations near are pushing the business in a way which will insure success. If our people will make the proper effort, these new crops will greatly develop this section, as they have the country along the Wilmington & Weldon railroad above Wilmington.

A local Truckers' Association has just been organized at Currie, with Dr. G F. Lucas as president, and J. A. Harman secretary, which will be of great benefit to truckers.

ANOTHER EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Agent at Brunswick, Ga., Skipped With $14,000 in Currency.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., December 29—A special to the Journal from Brunswick, Ga., says: O H Mayer, agent for the Southern Express Company at this place, skipped with $14 000 in currency of that company to day. The money was shipped by Savannah bankers to the banks in Brunswick. The money is supposed to have been taken about 8 o'clock last night, and it is thought that Mayer left the city in a tug. He stands very high in the social line of Brunswick and is considered one of the most polished gentlemen in the city. This robbery coming as it did in connection with the bank failure this morning, has set the city in the greatest pitch of excitement.

WARM WIRELETS.

Norwegian Bark Solid, for Wilmington, N. C., sailed yesterday from Tybee, Ga.

Schooner John R. P. Noore, from Beaufort, N. C., arrived yesterday at Georgetown, S. C.

The torpedo boat Winslow was put in commission at Norfolk yesterday. She will join the torpedo flotilla on the Florida coast.

The new railroads built in the United States in the year 1897 amount to about 1,938 miles. California built more miles of railroad than any other State in the Union.

Strong gales prevailed yesterday over the western and southern coasts of Great Britain. Off the Lizard a hurricane was blowing and the weather generally was growing worse.

According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the British admiralty has requisitioned three of the Empress line steamships, belonging to the Canadian Pacific railway company.

An engine and caboose on the Chicago, Hammond and Western railroad left the tracks while crossing the bridge over Salt Creek, and plunged into eight feet of water. Six men were injured.

An English syndicate has secured control of the Trinidad Asphalt Company and after the first of the year, the headquarters of the concern are to be located in London instead of in New York city as heretofore.

A Bombay dispatch reports a fresh outbreak of plague. There were 54 cases of plague and thirty-seven deaths from that disease yesterday. The total plague returns from Bombay up to date are 14 257 cases and 11 883 deaths

IT IS BETTER to take Hood's Sarsaparilla than to experiment with unknown and untried preparations. We know Hood's Sarsaparilla actually and permanently cures.

HOOD'S PILLS act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels. Cure sick headache.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department, in leaded Nonpariel type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positive y cash in advance.

Bookkeeper Wanted—Address STAR office. de 30 tf

Wife—Where did you get this last Tea; it is the best you ever got?—Why, from the Atlantic Tea Co., of course; they always have the best and cheapest Teas and Coffees in the city. Always buy from them at 618 North Fourth street de 30 tf

Professor O. C. Cogan, the world's Champion Funambulist, will exhibit his marvellous performance on a slender wire across Cape Fear river at Market street dock. Challenge for $5.00. Professor Cogan will challenge any man to pull him off this precarious wire in a fair tug-of-war, on New Year's Day. Commence at 1 o'clock a. m., lasting till 10 p. m. The Professor will respectfully solicit contributions. de 30 1t

Money made and time saved by new process for parching peanuts. I can roast large quantities at a time. It will pay you to let me roast for you. Write for particulars. A. E. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. de 23 tf

Ladies wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z., Box 83, Philadelphia. de 18 D&W tf

Tonsorial Parlor—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair cut 20 cents, shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents. Wm. Tienken, 17 Princess street. de 17 1m

A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectionaries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavronichols, 705 North Fourth street. Bell 'Phone 346, Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. Head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed, Lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 99. Inter-State Phone No. 93. de 9 tf

For best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

Where can I ship country produce to the best advantage is a question that is puzzling you. Settle it by shipping to L. Tate Bowden, 6 Princess street. Careful handling and prompt returns. Eggs for the city trade. no 30 tf

Country Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, etc., to H. J. Bierman, Produce Commission Merchant, 105 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

Hayden, F. Zs., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skilful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 25 tf

Photographs—For finest quality, latest styles, best material, finest finish, lowest prices, call on U. C Ellis, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. Cloudy weather makes no difference. oc 29 tf

Always Reliable—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 115 Second street. Phone 208. sep 21 tf

Onward, March!

Is the command given to the manufacturers of Stoves, and right nobly they have obeyed it. There is scarcely a better Stove in the market than the

Magic Air Tight or the Regal Franklin.

Perhaps there is none better, and we won't take time to enlarge on their merit.

Our PENINSULAR STEEL RANGE and NEW PROCESS OIL HEATER are still in the lead.

Holiday present seekers will find it to their interest to give us a call before making their purchases. A full line of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Prune Knives, &c.

J. W. Murchison,

Orton Building, Wilmington, N. C. de 19 tf

Valuable Mercantile

Business For Sale.

A VALUABLE MERCANTILE BUSINESS, consisting of Stock, General Merchandise, Store Fixtures and Store House to rent three years with the privilege of five or more years, being the business owned and run by the late L. L. Mallard at Wallace N. C., about thirty-eight miles from Wilmington, N. C., on the W. & W. R. R.; one of the

Finest Trucking and Cotton Sections

in North Carolina. Business large and successful. Bids invited for the purchase of same until January 18th, 1898, NO PREFERENCE GIVEN ANY ONE. Terms Cash or first-class security. Business open every day for inspection at Wallace.

Book accounts will be sold also if agreeable. A good class of credit and cash customers.

Address all communications to me at Kenansville, N. C. Creditors are requested to send in claims properly proven for examination.

[JAMES W. BLOUNT,
Executor to will of late L. L. Mallard.

Dec. 23, 1897.

P. S.—The right reserved to accept or reject any or all bids. J. W. B.

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Liverpool and American

SALT.

Any weight sacks, coarse or fine, fresh packing. A large stock

Bagging and Ties,

which we offer at lowest market prices.

Groceries

in quantities sufficient to fill orders promptly. Correspondence solicited.

Hall & Pearsall,

Nutt and Mulberry streets. au 10 D&W tf

Prempert's Barber Shop,

NO. 11 SOUTH FRONT STREET, FIRST-class Work at Reasonable Prices. Give us a call.

Respectfully,

to 30 ARTHUR PREMPERT

WORTH & WORTH

OFFER FOR SALE

Finest Seed Oats

handled in years.

Flour, Bacon, Sugar,

Lard, Molasses,

MEAL, SALT, LIME, CEMENT,

Plaster, Hay, Corn, Hoop Iron,

OATS, RIVETS, GLUE,

Bagging and Ties

AT Low Prices.

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Frank H. Stedman,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Fire and Tornado Insurance.

Your business is solicited and

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

OFFICE AT

Wilmington Savings & Trust Company.

Telephone No. 162 de 3 tf

Notice.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Maunder, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier et al. are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover, aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 30 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 30 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 427, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. O'KELL, Commissioner.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. dec 19 30t

FOR RENT.

TWO HOUSES ON SIXTH BETWEEN Dock and Orange. Modern improvements.

House on Dock between Seventh and Eighth Sts.
House on Eighth between Market and Princess streets. Modern improvements
House on Princess between Ninth and Tenth streets.
House on Third between Walnut and Red Cross streets.
Two Stores on Water street.
Store corner Fourth and Run streets.
House on Princess between Fifth and Sixth streets. Modern improvements.
House on Second between Dock and Orange streets with ten rooms.

Apply to
D. O'CONNOR,
de 15 tf Real Estate Agent.

Money to Lend.

THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE EIGHTH SERIES OF THE

N. C. Home Building Association

is payable on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st., and all who desire stock should secure it at once.

Any one desiring to borrow money on easy terms should avail themselves of this opportunity. Money lent either on Stock of the Association or Real Estate.

Frank H. Stedman,

dec 3 tf Secretary and Treasurer.

WANTED,

Immediate shipments of

Coon, O'Possum, Fox, Mink, Otter and other Fur.

Highest cash prices paid for same. No commission or freight charged.

SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,

12 Market St., Wilmington, N. C. de 18 tf

NOTICE!

FIFTY HEAD OF

Horses and Mules

Just received to day, and you bet your life you can buy them cheap this week. Don't miss this chance.

F. T. MILLS,

de 24 tf 112 and 114 North Water St.

Free Silver.

100 Cases (5c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases (10c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases Good Luck Powder.
25 Cases Rex Powder.
25 Cases Blue Ribbon Powder.
25 Cases Horsford's.

We ship at lowest delivered prices in quantities.

W. B. COOPER,

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D&W dec 19 tf Wilmington, N. C.

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HOUSE ON NINTH BETWEEN Church and Castle streets. Four rooms water and good yard room in rear.

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REAL ESTATE AGENT, WILMington, N. C. Stores, Offices and Dwellings for rent. Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, taxes and insurance attended to promptly. Money Loaned on improved city real estate. sep 5 tf

Printer Wanted.

A young man who has had experience as compositor on daily papers, and who has good recommendations, may secure a situation as Two-Thirder by applying promptly at the de 19 3t STAR OFFICE.

A. D. BROWN,

Successor to BROWN & RODDICK,

No. 29 North Front St.

"ONE PRICE TO ALL" has been our motto since 1865, and we attribute our success to the unswerving adherance to it. We will not break price for any one. Some times we have goods that stay too long with us and then we cut the price and offer them to every one at GREAT SACRIFICE.

A Few Specialties.

Crash Towelling worth 5 cents at 3 cents per yard.
Novelty Dress Goods worth 50 cents at 40 cents per yard.
Drap Ete Dress Goods worth $1.25 at $1.00 per yard.
New line Percales at 12½ cents per yard.

Christmas Goods.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Bric-a-Brac, Neckwear, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves, Parasols and Umbrellas Call and see our line.

This Week

Gentlemen's heavy Grey Underwear worth $1 50, only 98c each.
Gentlemen's All Wool (light weight) Underwear in Ecru worth $1.25, only 98c each.
Ladies' light weight Vests and Pants, only 98c each.
Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard,
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
A good Brussels Carpet for 55 cents per yard.

de 25 tf

Christmas Festivities

Are enhanced for both old and young by the firelight's cheerful warmth and glow. Imagine what a dreary yuletide celebration it would be without a good fire made from our

BANNER COAL,

that is without slag or slate, and will either roast your turkey or disseminate its cheerful warmth over your home in first-class style.

Coal for household and kitchen use is not half as expensive as wood.

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OURS IS NOT ESPECIALLY THANKSGIVING Coal nor Christmas Coal.

Better still, it is every day COAL, seven days to the week; particularly adapted to good cold weather, such as we are likely to have from this time on.

For high grade Hard Coal, both Red Ash and White Ash, in Egg Stove, Furnace and Range sizes, well screened and promptly delivered; also, for Tennessee Lump Coal. Your orders respectfully solicited. Our Coal will not only cook turkey in great shape, but is equally as good for cooking hog and hominy.

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The C. W. Polvogt Co.

No. 9 North Front St.

We Boast of the Greatest Values We Offer

Never More Worthy Than Now.

STORE NOTES.

Is your thought on Lace Curtains? We can embroider it for you here. Carpet stock now at its best! It's a busy spot at this writing. Got the parasol stock into shape; pleased to have you make purchases.

Do you buy Dress Linings here? We're equipped to serve you satisfactorily in linings at satisfactory prices.

Here's a notion and ribbon stock to be proud of. They're little things, but little things count in this shop.

WE'RE PROUD OF OUR KID GLOVE STOCK.

We never lose a customer who once buys Kid Gloves here. We sell more Kid Gloves than all the rest of Wilmington combined. There are of course reasons for all this. But we will only mention one of them to-day: Our Ladies' Dollar Kid Gloves. Laces and buttons all warranted.

JACKETS AND CAPES ALWAYS

Quantities of them. Some going out; some coming in. We're cloak traders here from A to Z. Know where, when, what and how to buy; and best of all, know how to sell to the satisfaction of our customers. No "lo goal ev'd" profits here; against our business principles. Fresh lots of the notch garments for you to pick from. Your dollars have great purchasing power in this store. $2 00 to $25.00.

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.

We're busy in this stock nearly all the time; the department gets fresh importations such items as these, some wonder how it's done; others wonder why it's done. The how and the why matters little. The fact of its being done is sufficient for money-saving buyers. The best 25 cents Hose in the city.

Sole Agents for the Standard Patterns and W. B. Corsets. de 12 tf

Balance of Stock of Christmas Goods Less Than Cost.

Parties buying Presentsfor Christmas Entertainments will do well to see us.

THE GRREATEST BARGAINS IN CAPES.

$ 3 00	PLUSH CAPES,		$2 25
5 00	"	"	3 00
7.50	"	"	4.25
10 00	"	"	6.50

CAPES, Trimmed with Braid and Fur, 50c up

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

de 28 tf NEAR FOURTH STREET BRIDGE.

STATEMENT OF ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 15th, 1897, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.	
Loans		$587,784 69	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts		61 33	Surplus	55,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)		50 0 0 00	Undivided profits	20,404 01— 75 4 4 01
Banking House and Fixtures		1 ,0 0 0 00		49,5 0 0 01
Due from other Banks	219,5 8 57		Circulation	50,691 58
Cash on hand	68,294 10—287,892 17		Total Deposits	
Total		$940,595 59	Total	$940,595 59

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 15, '95.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, '97.
Surplus and Net Profits	$52,000	$62,400	$75 400
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.
Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. de 24 tf

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of same before the Holidays are over. A word to the wise is sufficient.

MYERS & LEWIS,

de 13 tf N. E. Corner Front and Market Streets.